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DESCRIPTION OF THE PLATES.

PART XLI concludes the presentation of the material supplementary to the numbered tablets of the omen-series *šumma alu ina mêlê šakin*, and contains also the text of a number of tablets and fragments inscribed with *scholia* to (1) chapters of the above-mentioned series, and (2) other works of an augural character, as well as a few texts of general lexicography. With its appearance, therefore, the publication of this extensive series of terrestrial omens, so far as it is preserved in the British Museum, may be considered complete, except for a few possible but doubtful remains.

PLATE 1. Miscellaneous omens from birds, chiefly the eagle and raven (*arû* and *âribu*), and thus supplementary to Tablet 67. K. 2911 and 80-7-19, 161 + Bu. 89-4-26, 13 are evidently parts of the same tablet though they do not join, and possibly K. 6791 also belongs to it. K. 9818 (also published by HOLMA, *Omen Texts*, Pl. XV) is uncertain, but may belong here. KK. 7704, 12498 and 14209 are further unimportant fragments concerning the raven. A complete eagle-omen is presented by the catch-line of Sm. 1952 (Pl. 14), and this appears also on an unpublished tablet of the Isin-Larsa period found at Ur in 1919.

PLATES 2–5. Omens from various birds, including the "hole-bird" (*iṣṣur ḫurri*) and the swallow (*sinuntu*). Sm. 230 and K. 6734 treat of the former; both were already published by HOLMA, *op. cit.*, Pll. XII, XXIV. Fragments of similar content are K. 10291 and K. 13195, neither being of any value; K. 4057 is in *C.T.* XXXIX. The fragment Rm. II, 33, seems to show that the swallow preceded the dove (*summatu*) in the order of the Series. After the dove-omens the rest of Pl. 3 and Pll. 4 and 5 contain omens from a number of birds, mostly unidentified. The *igirû*-bird of Sm. 1133 is also found in K. 3240, l. 9, and in the Ur tablet already mentioned. It may be compared with the *itguru*-bird in K. 3701, etc., rev. 18. This fragment Sm. 1133 seems itself to be a part of the same tablet as K. 3701, etc., but cannot be joined. The *ubarru(m)* of Rm. 253 appears also in K. 12444 (Pl. 4), K. 3240, l. 16, and K. 8203, l. 5 (Pl. 6), Sm. 156 (HOLMA, Pl. XXIV), and K. 12310 (*C.T.* XXXIX), and the "strange" (*aḫû*) bird in Sm. 402 + 988 (Pl. 4). Rm. 488 on Pl. 4 mentions the *našpartum*-bird, and it is also in K. 3240, l. 66. In K. 2926 (*cf.* HOLMA, Pl. I) the second paragraph is possibly to be restored [UZ].TUR.ḪU from Pl. 24, l. 19. It seems likely that K. 12444 belongs to the corner of the tablet above which it is placed, but the fit is uncertain. The text K. 3701, etc., made up of five fragments, gives omens from the "mountain-bird" and several more with unknown names, some of which are found again in the list K. 3240. Sm. 909 is of uncertain purport, but seems to be concerned with the behaviour of birds in temples, settling upon, or flying round, or building nests on the images or cult-objects. K. 10823 (HOLMA, Pl. XV) identifies certain birds with gods, in the manner of *C.T.* XL, Pl. 49, ll. 26 ff.

PLATES 6–8. A long list of birds which may be observed "entering a man's house." The tablet is now made up of six pieces which give the full 95 lines of the text, but many are only fragments. As the colophon shows, this list began with the DAR-bird, and it seems as if the subject of the following tablet was the same. Though the note of the series is almost wholly destroyed, this text very probably belongs to *šumma alu*. 38158 is a rather badly preserved Babylonian duplicate to most of the lines of K. 3240. K. 8203 (Pl. 6) has fragments of lines extracted from the main text.

PLATES 9–12. Omens from sheep. It is not easy to decide whether these are to be reckoned with *š. alu* or *š. izbu*, but that sheep-omens were included in the *alu* series is shown by the catalogue EBELING, *Keilschrifttexte aus Assur relig. Inhalts*, no. 394, col. 2, line 8; the line there quoted is found on Sm. 919, rev. (Pl. 9). But this fragment is very uncertain

since, while its last line corresponds with *C.T.* XXXIX, Pl. 26, l. 16, another (obv., 3, 4) is found in K. 4079 a. 10 (*C.T.* XXVIII, 38). The principal collection which may seem to belong to *š. alu* is 83–1–18, 410, which has been published in *C.T.* XXXI, 30–33, and duplicates of this are K. 959 (Pl. 9 of this Part) and K. 9166 in *C.T.* XXVIII, 14 ; this remarkable text draws conclusions as to the character of the entrails from the outward peculiarities of the sheep. K. 4106 (Pl. 10) has a general similarity in contents to the last section of obverse and first of reverse on 83–1–18, 410, while KK. 6983 + 8345 is a duplicate of the last two sections of that text. Rm. 83 (Pl. 11) is part of an extract tablet ; the matter leads on directly to that of K. 4079a. (in *C.T.* XXVIII, 38), but the two pieces are not from the same tablet : ll. 7–10 of Rm. 83 are the same as *C.T.* XXXIX, Pl. 26, ll. 16–19. K. 3125 (Pl. 12) is independent of other texts ; it concerns the movements of sheep when about to be sacrificed. Several of the foregoing texts were first cited by Boissier, *Choix de textes relatifs à la divination*, I, 11 ff.

Plates 13–15. Omens from fish and other aquatic creatures. The longest text is KK. 8023 + 8331 + 12477, certain lines of which (see footnotes to Pl. 13) are found in the second and eighty-eighth Tablets of this Series. A duplicate to part of this is Sm. 2080 which is not published here because it adds nothing. More important is the obverse of Sm. 1952 (Pl. 14) by which it seems that the subject of the first section was fish in general. The catch-line of this fragment is an eagle-omen (*see* above, description of Pl. 1), which might suggest that the fish-omens occurred in *š. alu* directly before Tablet 67, though the catch-line given is not the beginning of that Tablet. K. 14024 (Pl. 15) is part of the same tablet as Sm. 1405. It is probable that K. 13131 is also part of the same tablet but it does not join. K. 6932 has three lines from Pl. 13, ll. 25–27, and K. 12507 other fish-omens.

Plates 16–19. Further omens from palm-trees, in continuation of Part XL, Pll. 44, 45. KK. 2284 + 6298 seems to be a continuous text, not an extract tablet, and in appearance it is much like the fragment K. 12482 (*C.T.* XXXIX, 8). If these in fact belong together then K. 2284, etc., preserves much of the 58th Tablet of the Series (*see* Introduction to *C.T.* XXXIX, p. 5). K. 6299 has now been joined to K. 2851, and is therefore no longer to be dismissed as it was in *C.T.* XL, Introd. p. 8. It makes up a good part of an extract-tablet, possibly taken from both the chapters listed in the catalogue *K.A.R.*, no. 394, ll. 24, 26. K. 3757 (Pl. 17) is from another extract-tablet, mostly duplicate of KK. 2851 + 6299.

Plates 20, 21. A collection of 37 lines on a New-Babylonian tablet, described by its colophon as a selection of omens from *š. alu*. Beginning with lines reminiscent of, but not identical with, the sixtieth Tablet, it continues with medical observations and ends with astronomical omens. The attribution of all these to *š. alu* must be considered, despite the colophon, as very doubtful.

Plate 22. The fragment 77044 has been mentioned in the Introduction to *C.T.* XXXIX, p. 5 ; it is of miscellaneous content and uncertain attribution, and probably does not belong to *š. alu*, though resemblances to known parts of the series are numerous, particularly to the 59th and neighbouring Tablets. With l. 19 one may compare Rm. 155, l. 2 (*C.T.* XXIX, 48).

Plates 23, 24. A summary of evil omens, compiled for use with a ritual and incantation designed to avert the evil consequences. Though not especially connected with *š. alu* this list includes many of the topics which figured in the series, and may serve as a guide to some which have not otherwise been preserved. Fragments of the same or a similar text are published in Ebeling, *K.A.R.*, nos. 387, 388.

Plates 25–33. Commentaries on various parts of the *š. alu* series. Several of these were formerly published in Rawlinson's *Cuneiform Inscriptions of Western Asia*, Vol. V, 31, and certain corrections and additions were furnished by Pinches in the *Zeitschrift für Keilschriftforschung*, Vol. 2. K. 2895 is described as a commentary on Tablets 18–20 of the series, but there is a discrepancy of numbering since K. 2895, ll. 1–10, obviously refer to the Tablet numbered 17 in the present edition (*see C.T.* XXXVIII, 22 ff.). Similarly, the 19th Tablet according to the commentary was that which began with a line about buying

a house : this is the catch-line of the 17th and therefore the beginning of the 18th Tablet in the present edition. Yet there is agreement as to the 20th Tablet, for the commentary (reverse) evidently deals with the text in *C.T.* XXXVIII, 27–29. The commentary must consequently have neglected the tablet concerning devils in a house, though this appears also in the Ashur catalogue, *K.A.R.* 407, Col. II, 12.

K. 1 (Pll. 26, 27) is a commentary on Tablets 27–30 of the series. In this arrangement Tablet 27 appears to contain scorpion-omens, and may concern the text numbered 24 (?) in *C.T.* XXXVIII, 37 ff, for the numbering is very doubtful, as explained in the Introduction to that volume. The other tablets commented upon by K. 1 have not been preserved.

KK. 2919 + 2924 + 8422 comments upon Tablets 39–42 of the series, none of which survive. An extract from K. 2919 was given in PINCHES, *Texts*, p. 20.

KK. 36 + 2917 deals with Tablets 45 and 46 (?). Though it is not clear what is the main subject of the first of these, it does not seem to be omens from swine as in *C.T.* XXXVIII, Pll. 45 ff. The following text commented on evidently concerns palm trees (*cf.* Obv. 20 with *C.T.* XL, Pl. 44, 80–7–19, 92, l. 3) and is thus not the one which follows on the swine-omens either in this edition or in the Ashur catalogue.

92683 (D.T. 37) is a New-Babylonian tablet with a commentary on the chapter beginning (*šumma*) *šaḫêMEŠ ittanadaru—i.e.* the 45th Tablet of the series as here published, *C.T.* XXXVIII, 46–48. The omen quoted in Obv. l. 4 is also noticed in K. 4171 + Sm. 19 (*R.A.* XVII, 137) as appearing in the series *šumma izbu*, for which see also below, 38588, Pl. 37, ll. 8–10.

92700 (D.T. 36) is a tablet similar to the foregoing : it concerns the text beginning *š. kalbateMES ina babaniMEŠ unabbaḫu*, which, according to the numbering of this edition, would be Tablet 48, as may be seen from the Ashur catalogue, *K.A.R.* 394. Very little of this text now survives—only the mutilated extract at the end of KK. 217 + 4046 (BOISSIER, *Documents assyriens relatifs aux présages*, pp. 105, 106). Only two or three of the lines there preserved are explained in the present text, the rest of the comments being upon omens now lost.

K. 118 (Pl. 33) is a commentary upon the 94th Tablet (*C.T.* XXXIX, 39, 40). At the end is quoted a line from the next tablet, which bears a general resemblance to the last section of KK. 2238 + 4018 Obverse (*C.T.* XXXIX, 42) : this is the 95th Tablet.

PLATES 34–50. Commentaries upon various texts, and some general lexicographical matter. Among these may be specially noticed :—

38588 (Pll. 35–38), the upper left portion of a large New-Babylonian tablet, with parts of two double columns on each side. When complete it contained a commentary upon the whole series of omens from monstrous births usually called *šumma izbu*. The last sections show that certain tablets were arranged in an order different from that now adopted for the surviving parts of the series. Some other fragments of this commentary exist, namely, K. 4171 + Sm. 19, K. 8209, and K. 11193, all last published by MEEK in *R.A.* tome XVII, and there is also in Berlin a tablet from Ashur, numbered V.A.T. 9718, still unpublished, but referred to by EHELOLF and MEISSNER in *Z.A.* XXXIV, 26, and extensively quoted by WEIDNER in the *American Journal of Semitic Languages*, XXXVIII, 195 ff.

42286 and 66882 (Pll. 39–41) are commentaries on *mašai'altu* ^{amel}*ummanu ;* the former refers particularly to the omen-series called *iqqur ipuš* and to that part of it which concerned occurrences in the month of Tisri. A certain number of fragments of this series can be found both in the K. collection and elsewhere. Several of the lines quoted in 42286 can be identified, particularly in the group of texts *C.T.* XL, Pll. 8–11, and in *K.A.R.*, no. 392 : the fragmentary first section on the reverse of 42286 deals with river-omens in the month of Tisri (*cf.* Tablet 61A of *š. alu*, ll. 73 and 85).

23116 (Pl. 46) is an Old-Babylonian bilingual tablet, mostly a translation of Sumerian verbal forms into Akkadian ; it seems probable that this also is in the nature of a commentary upon a Sumerian literary text. 29625 is a list of signs with glosses, the chief interest of which is that it follows closely the tenor of the well-known " Chicago Syllabary " (*Amer. Journ. of Semit. Lang.*, XXXIII, 169 ff.). The last two plates are occupied by two fragments of vocabularies, the first of which formed part of the series called *SIG. ALAM : nabnitum.*

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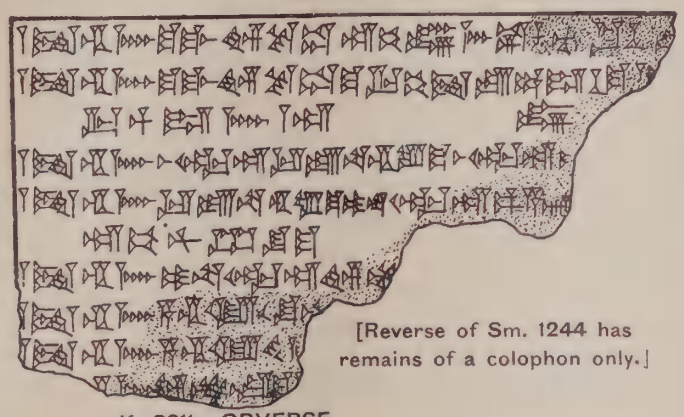

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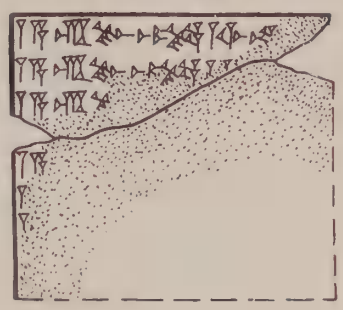

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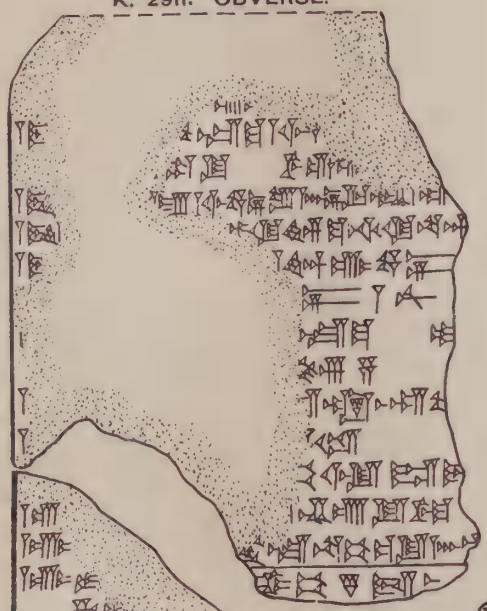

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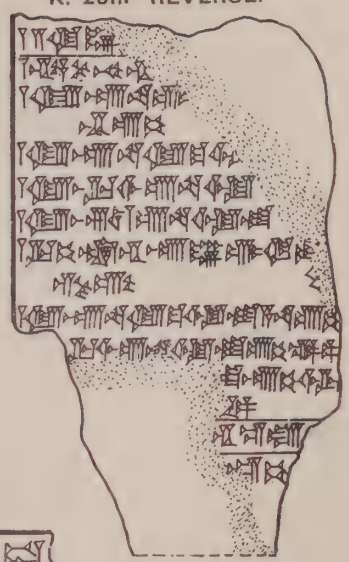

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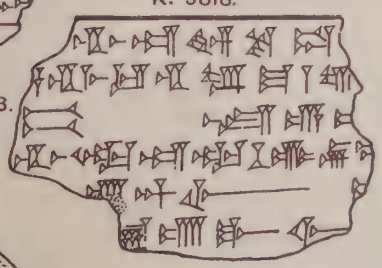

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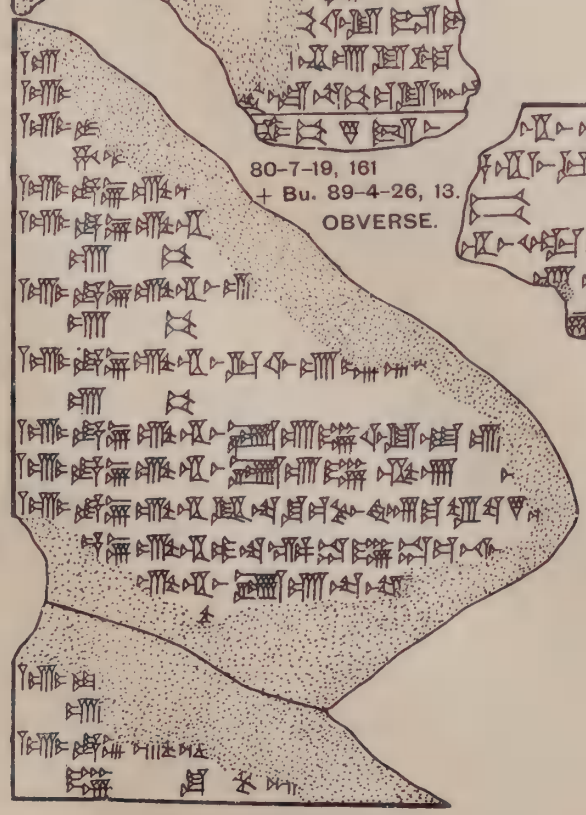

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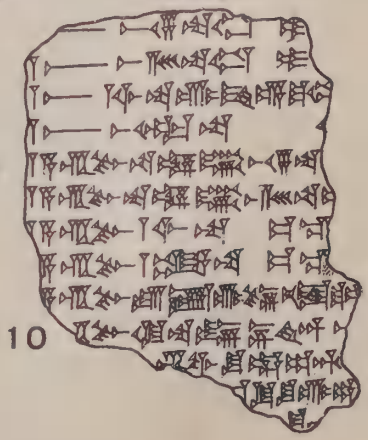

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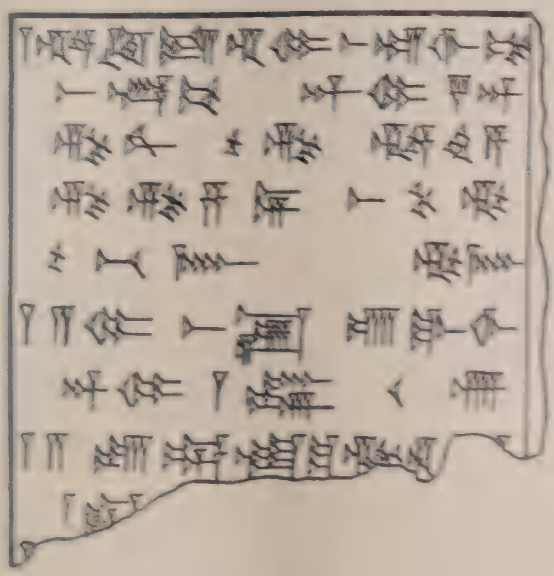

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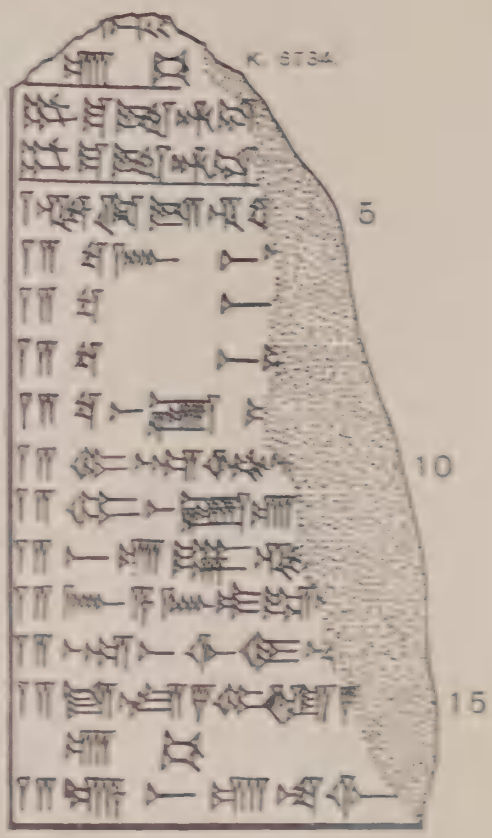

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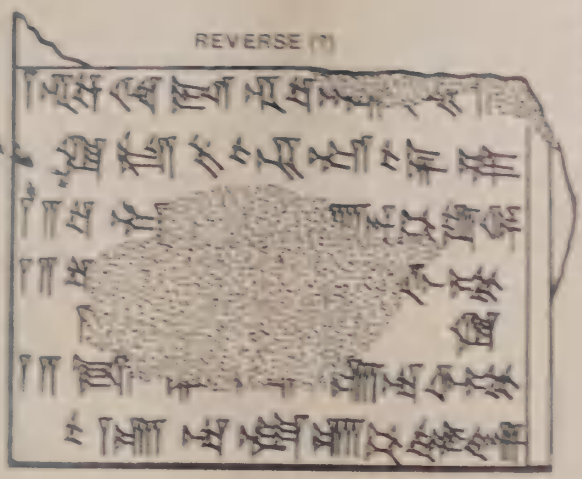

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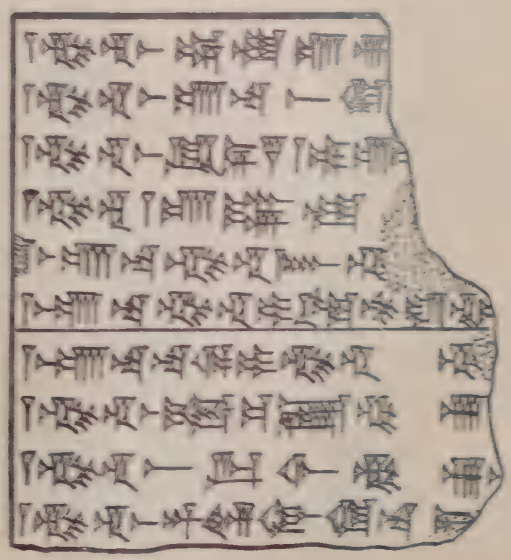

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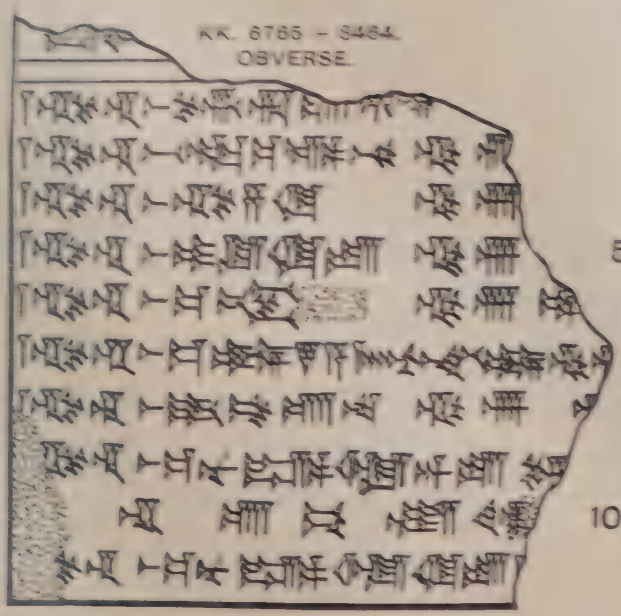

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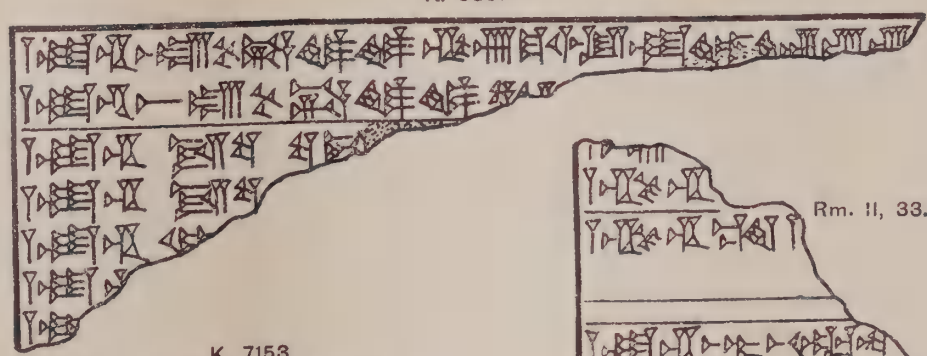

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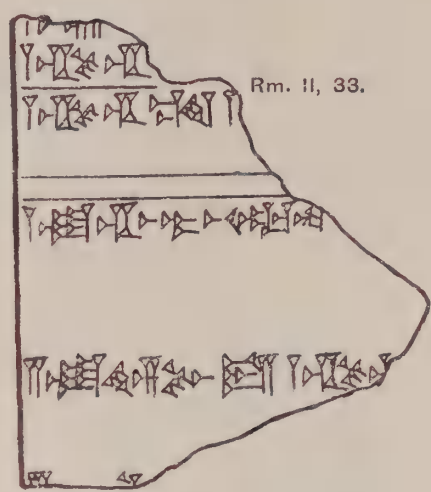

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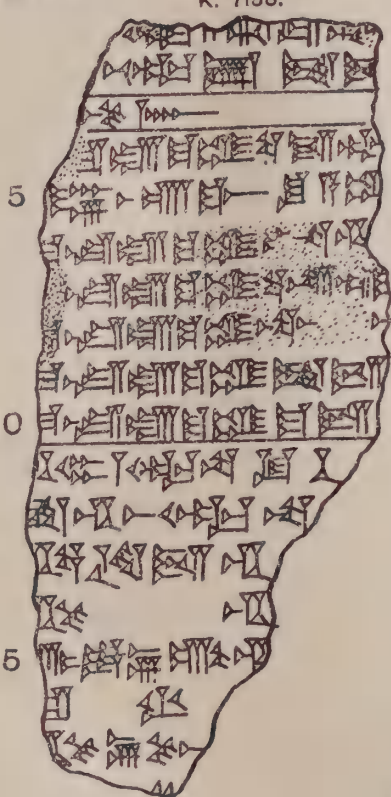

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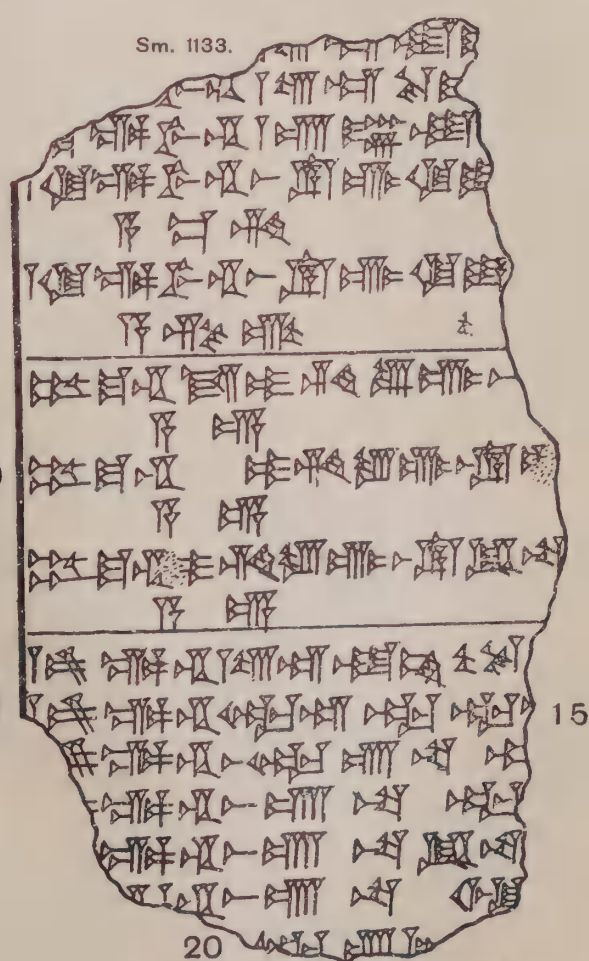

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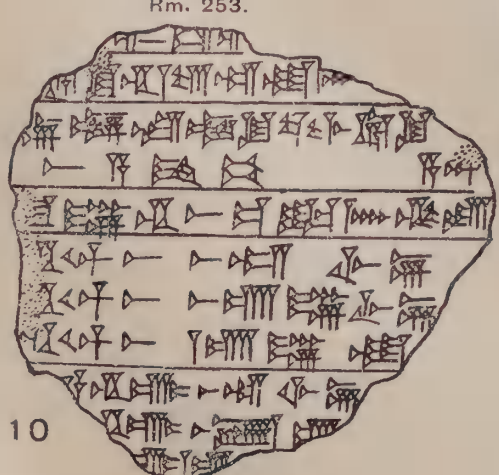

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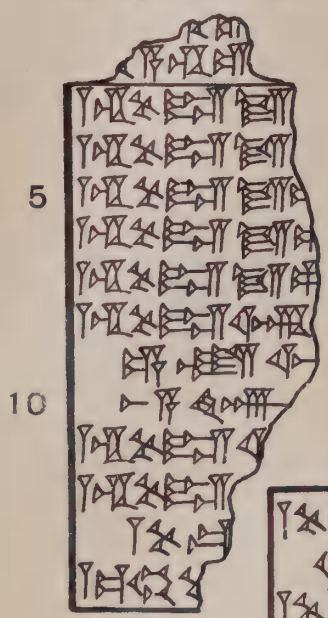

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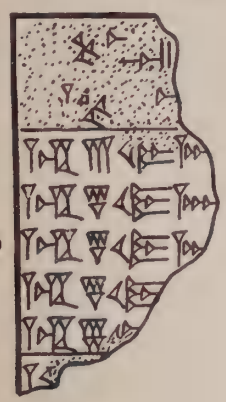
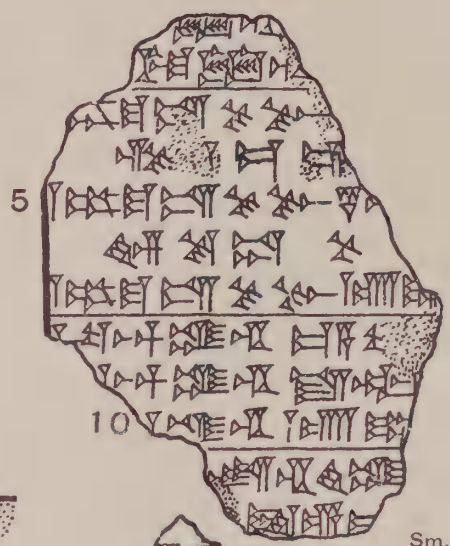
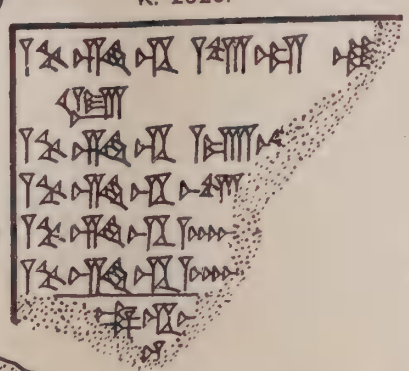


Rm. 488.



K. 2926.



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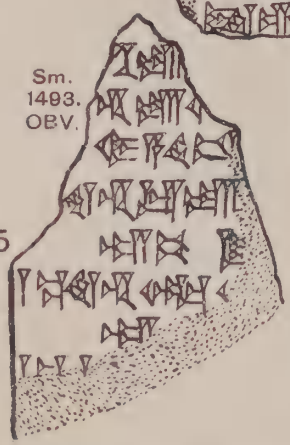
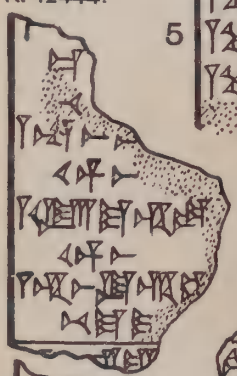
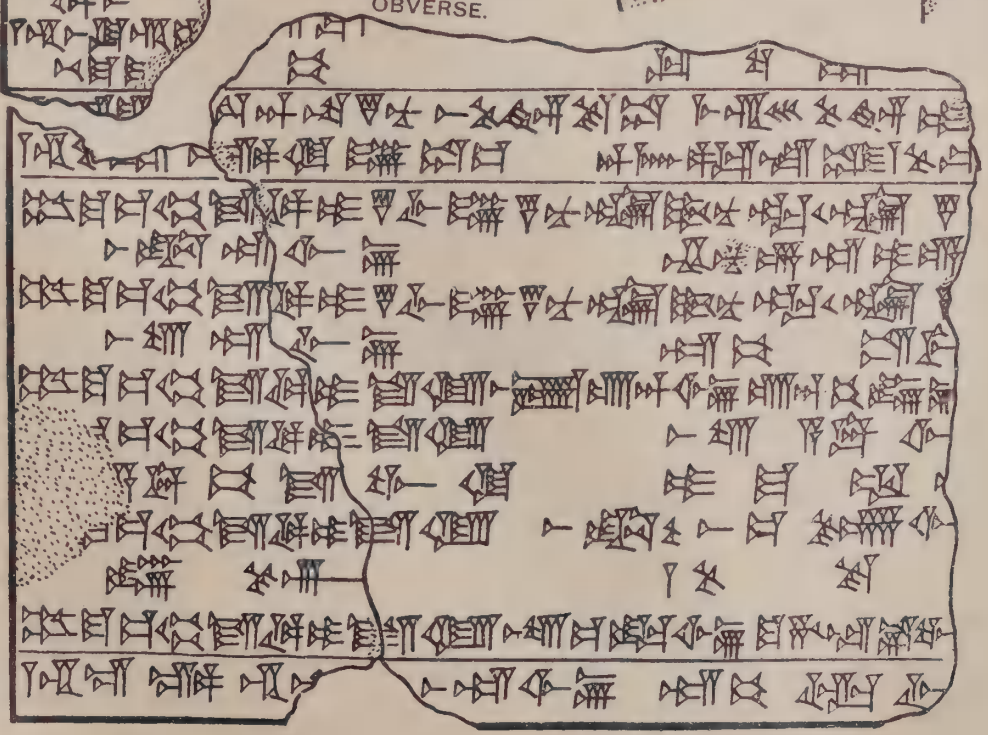


Sm. 1493. REV.

K. 12444.

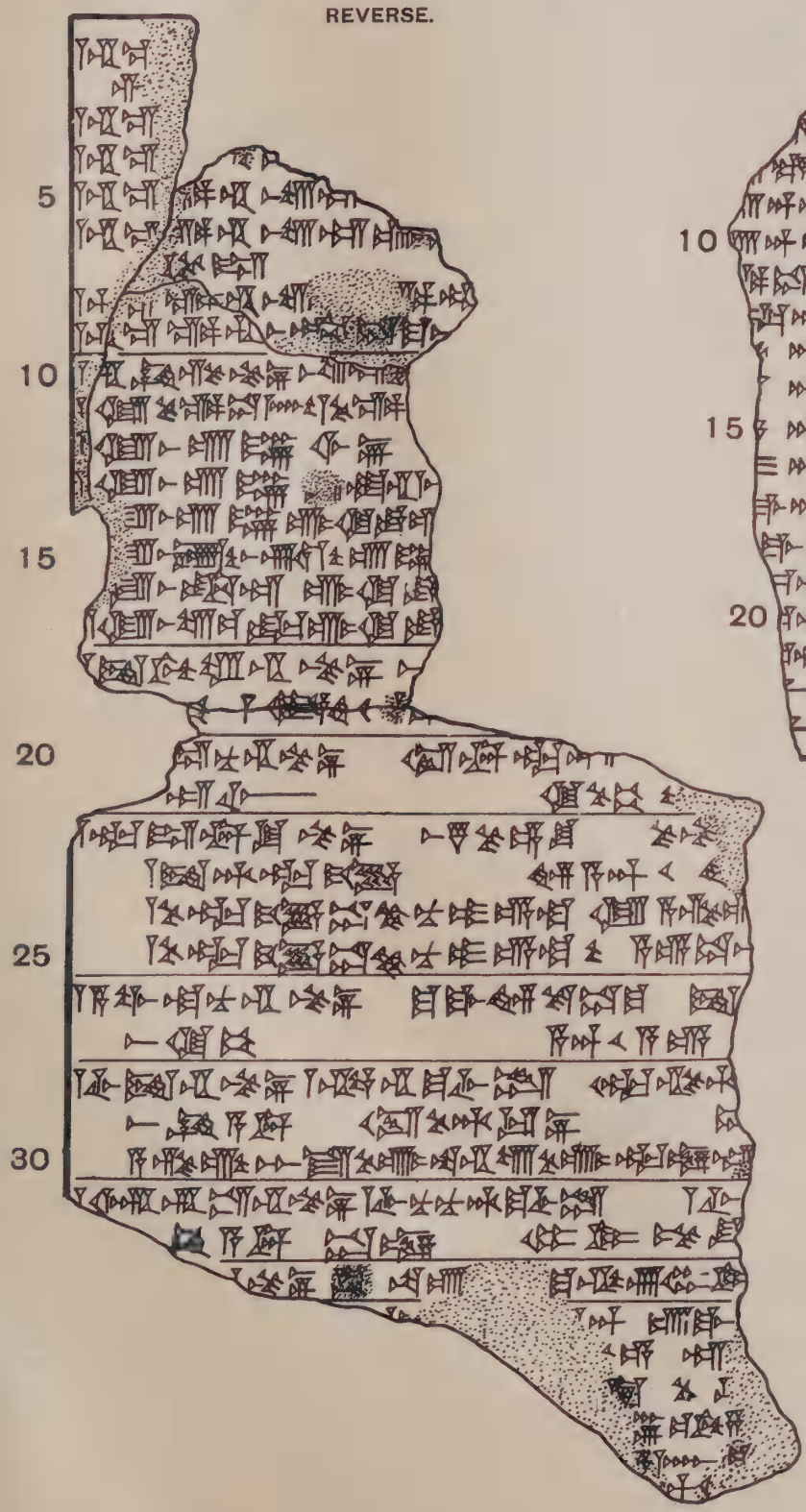


KK. 3701 + 7022 + 8205 + 12196 + Sm. 966. OBVERSE.

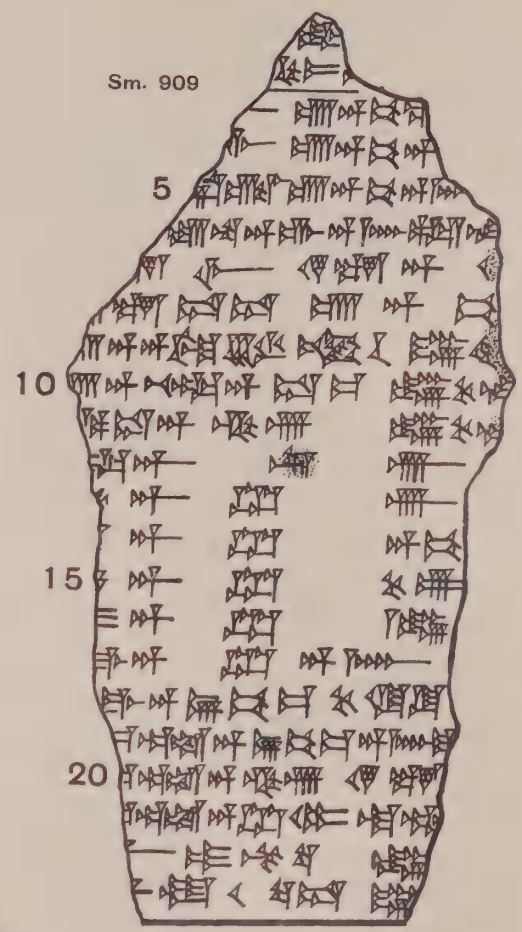


KK. 3701 + 7022 + 8205 + 12196 + Sm. 966.

REVERSE.

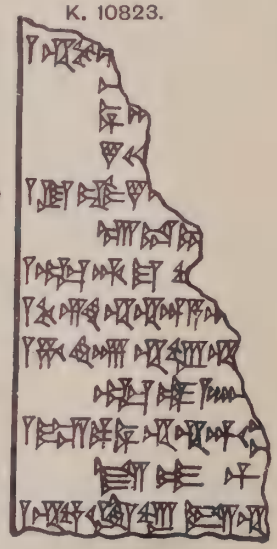


Sm. 909

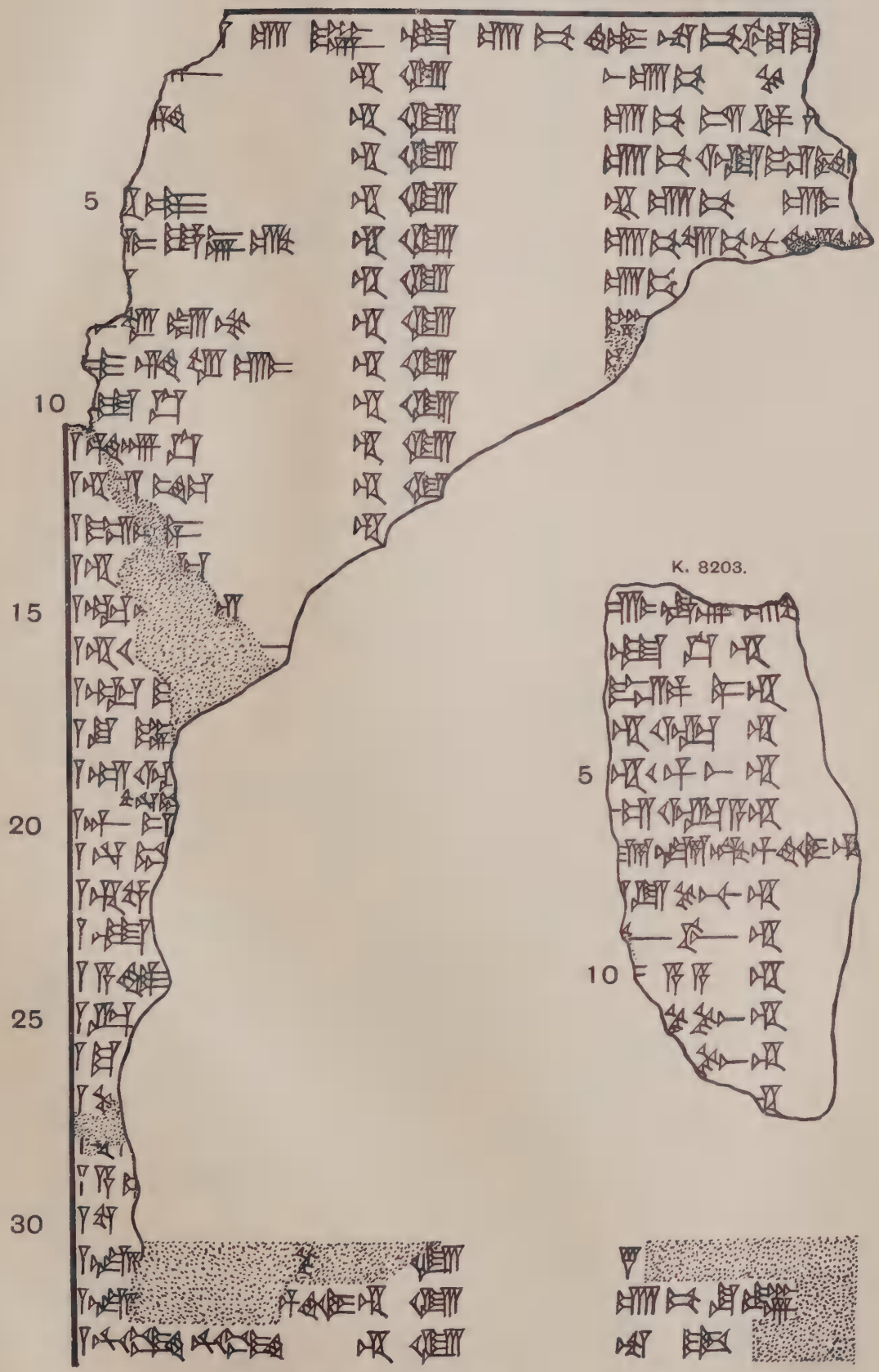


12.—Third sign is *RU*.

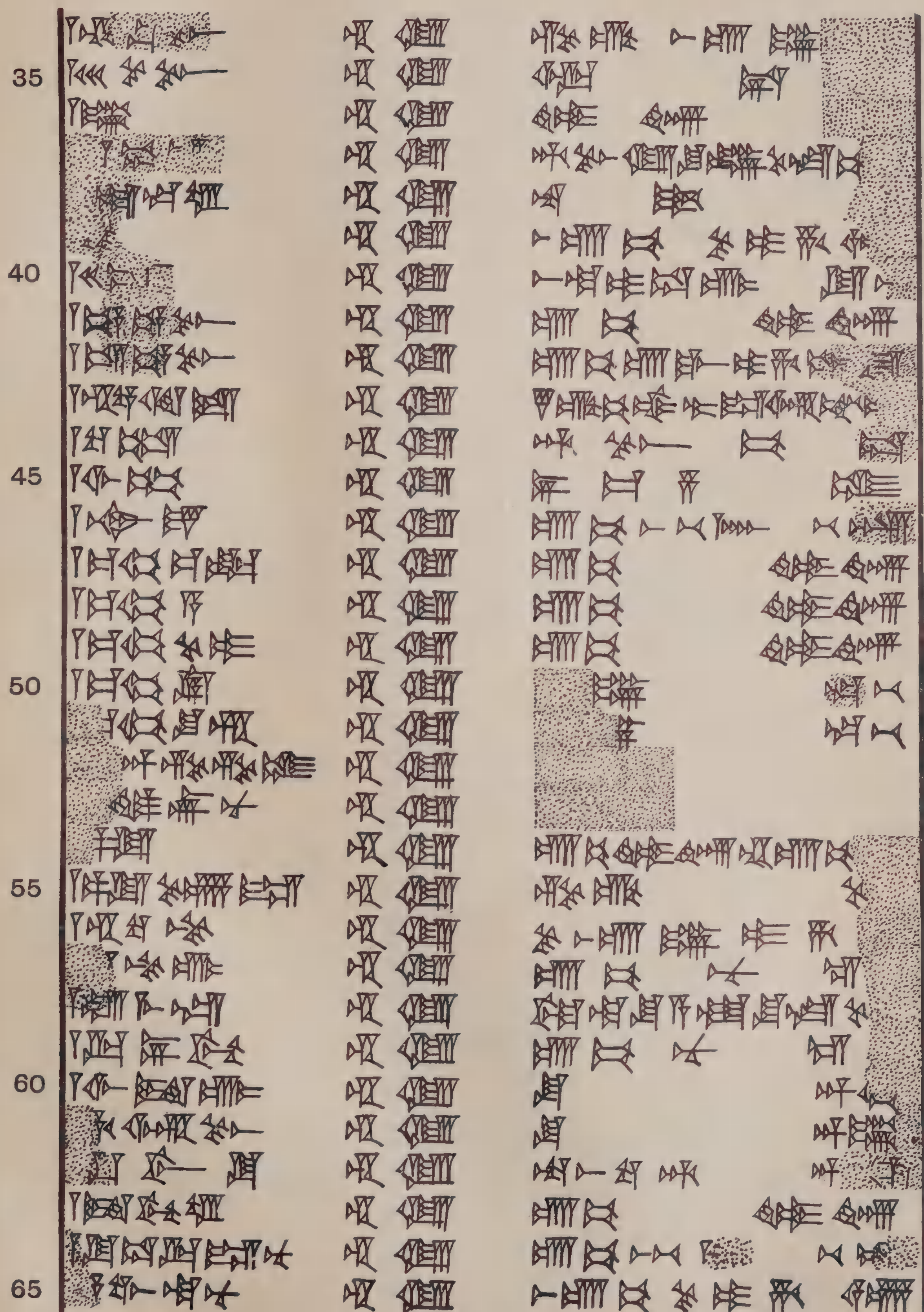
K. 10823.



KK. 3240 + 3557 + 8201 + 9099 + 11231 + Sm. 644, and 38158.

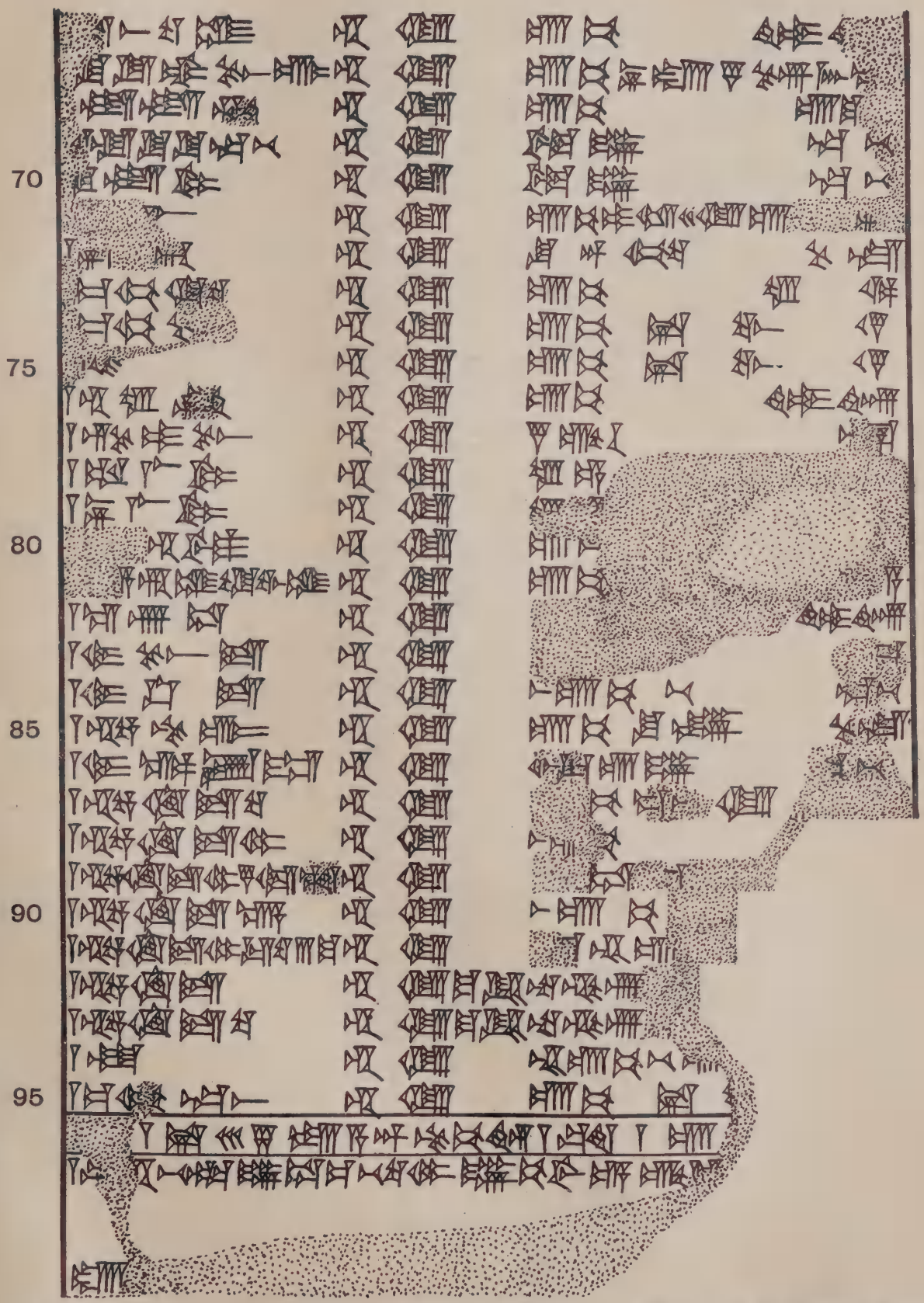


31.—38158 has illegible traces of 4 lines before this.



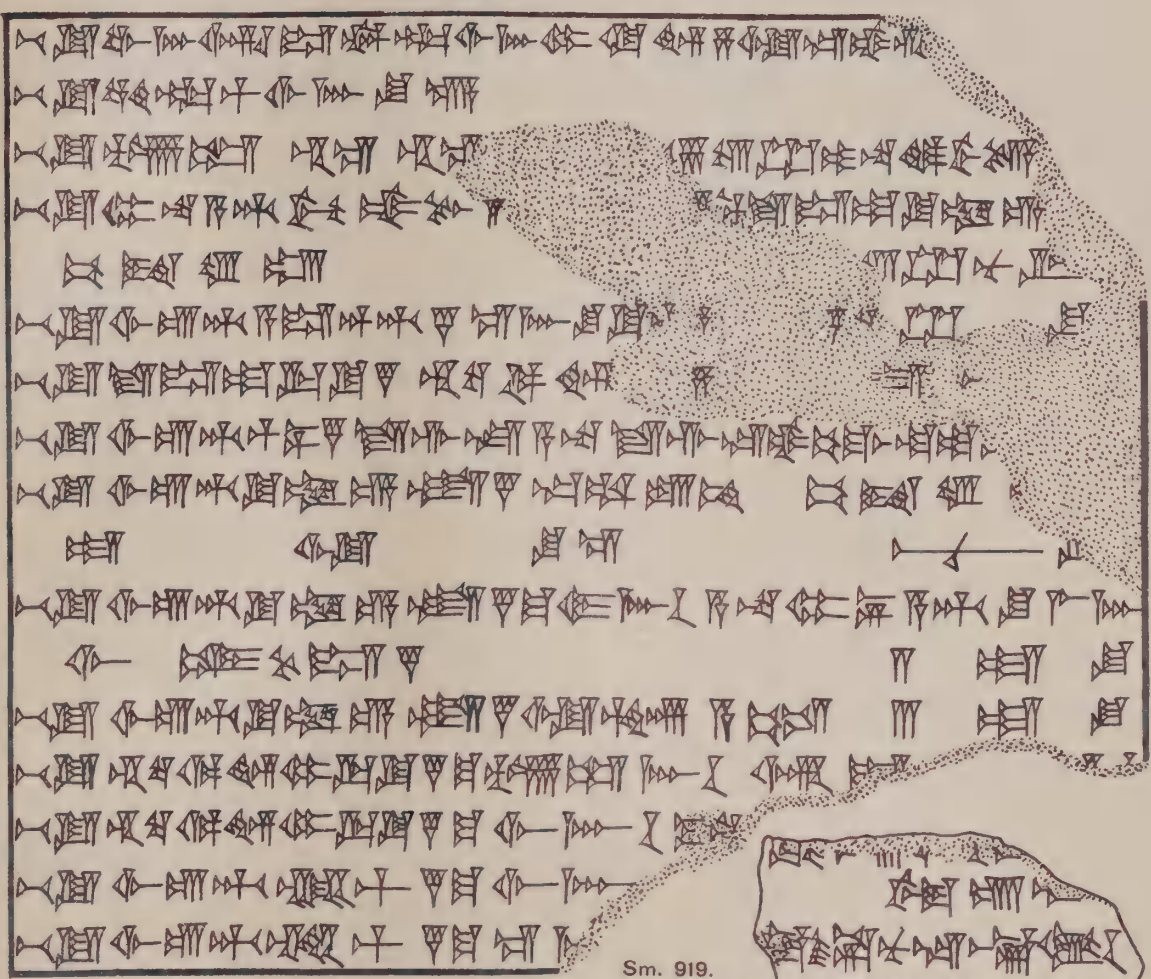
34-36.—Partly restored from 38158. **37-40.**—Beginnings in 38158 only. **43.**—Var.

52.—Traces of apodosis in 38158. **56.**—*hu-mu-ut*. 38158.

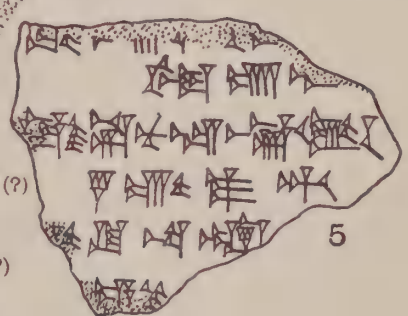


68.—End uncertain. **71.**—38158 reads in apodosis *ina biti*, etc. **86.**—First sign in apodosis doubtful: might also be *DAM*. **91.**—So 38158: K. 3240 begins *nadê biti* . . .

K. 959.
OBVERSE.



Sm. 919.
OBVERSE (?)



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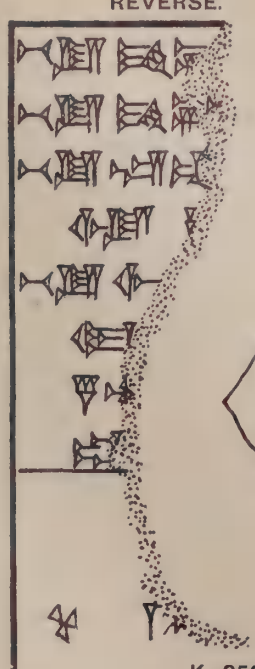

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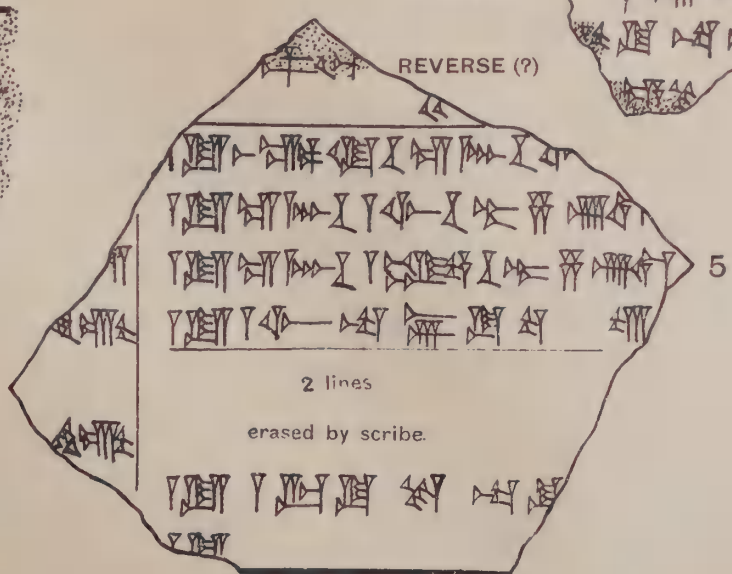
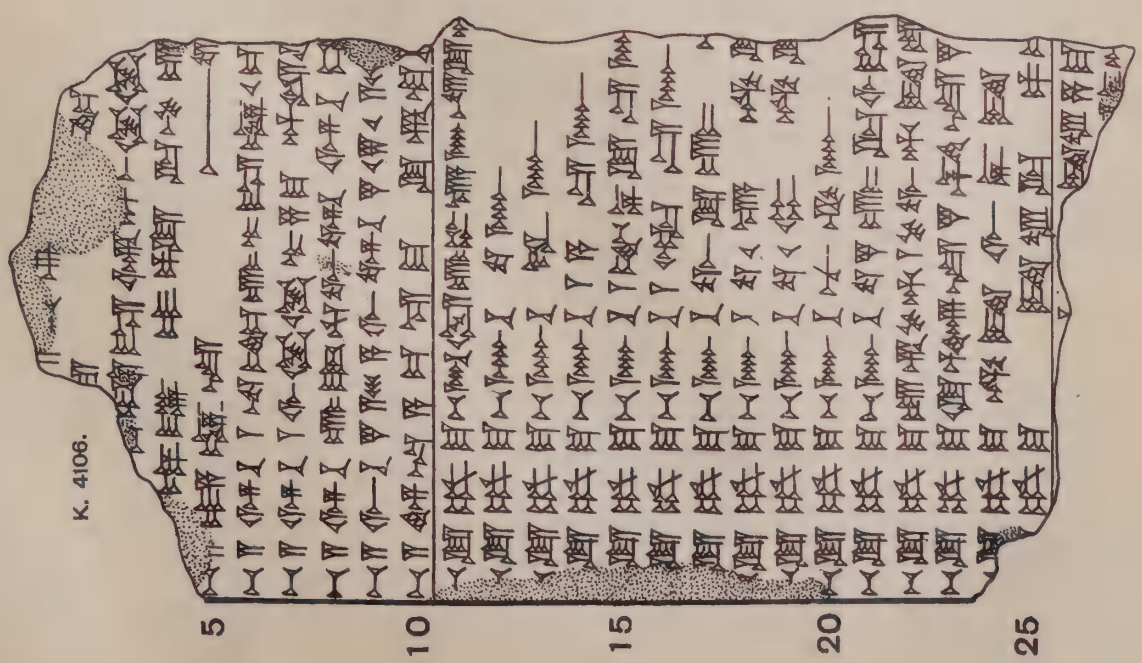


K. 959. 2.—Third sign as in copy: the duplicate 83-1-18. 410 has [illegible].

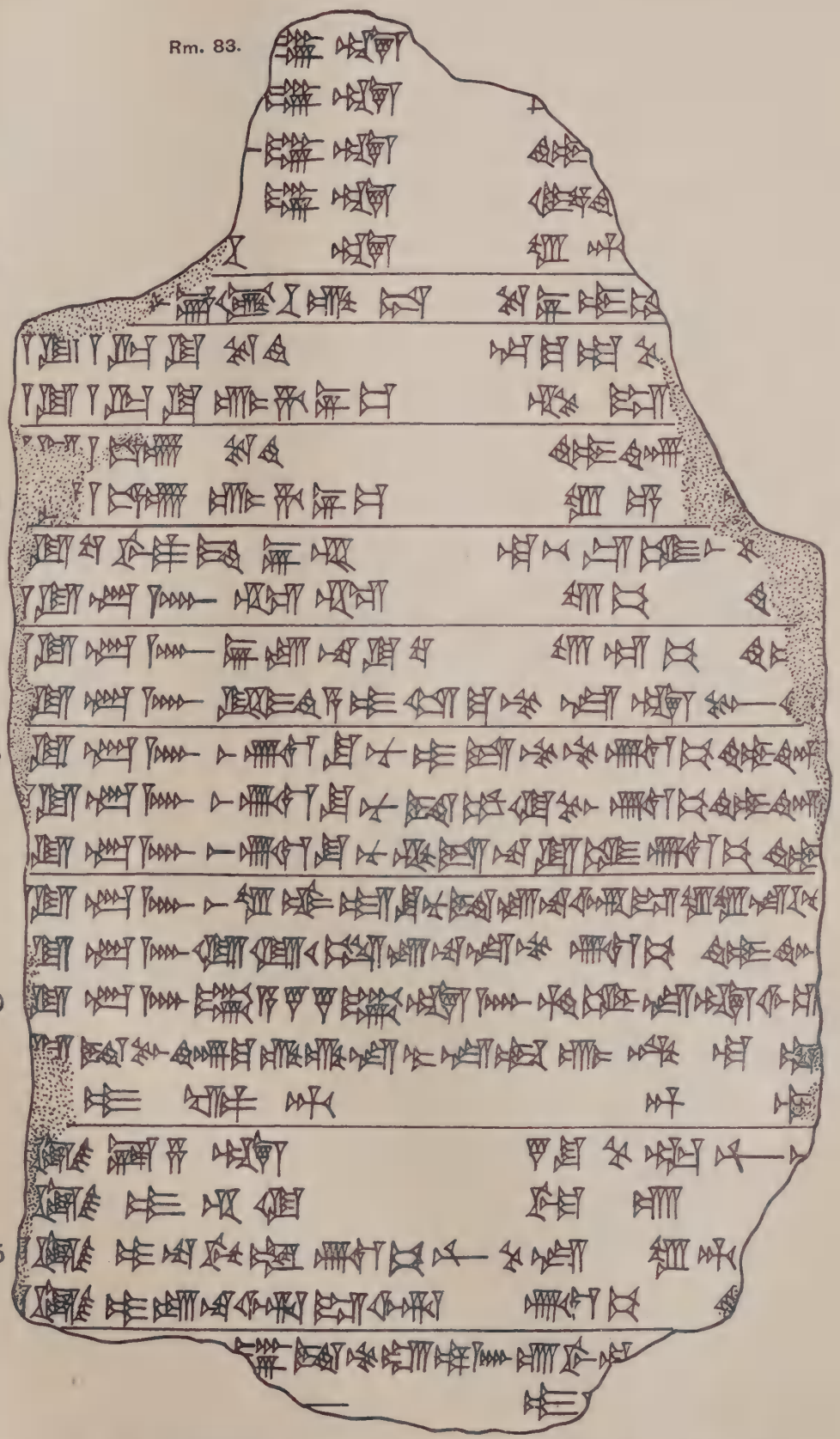
Sm. 919.—At bottom edge a line was begun, but not continued.

KK. 6983 + 8345.



K. 4106.

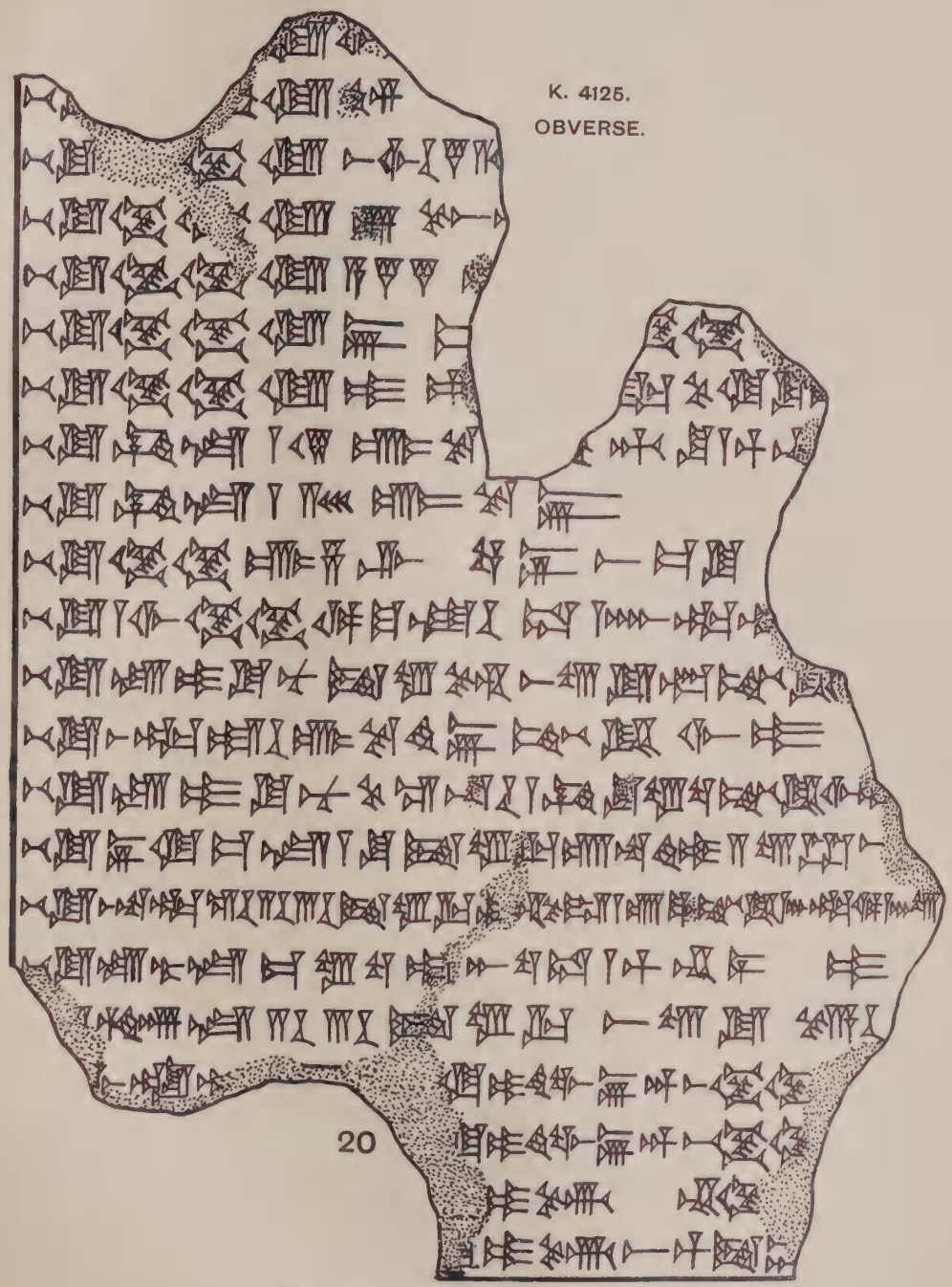
Rm. 83.



7-10.—Cf. Tablet LXXII, 16-19. **20 ff.**—Cf. K. 4079a. (C.T. XXVIII, 38).

K. 4125.

OBVERSE.



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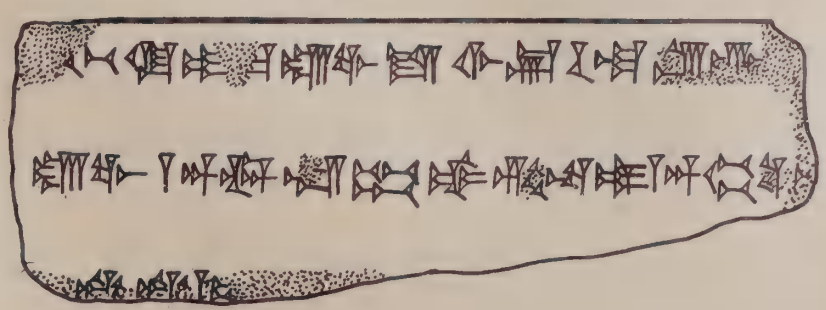
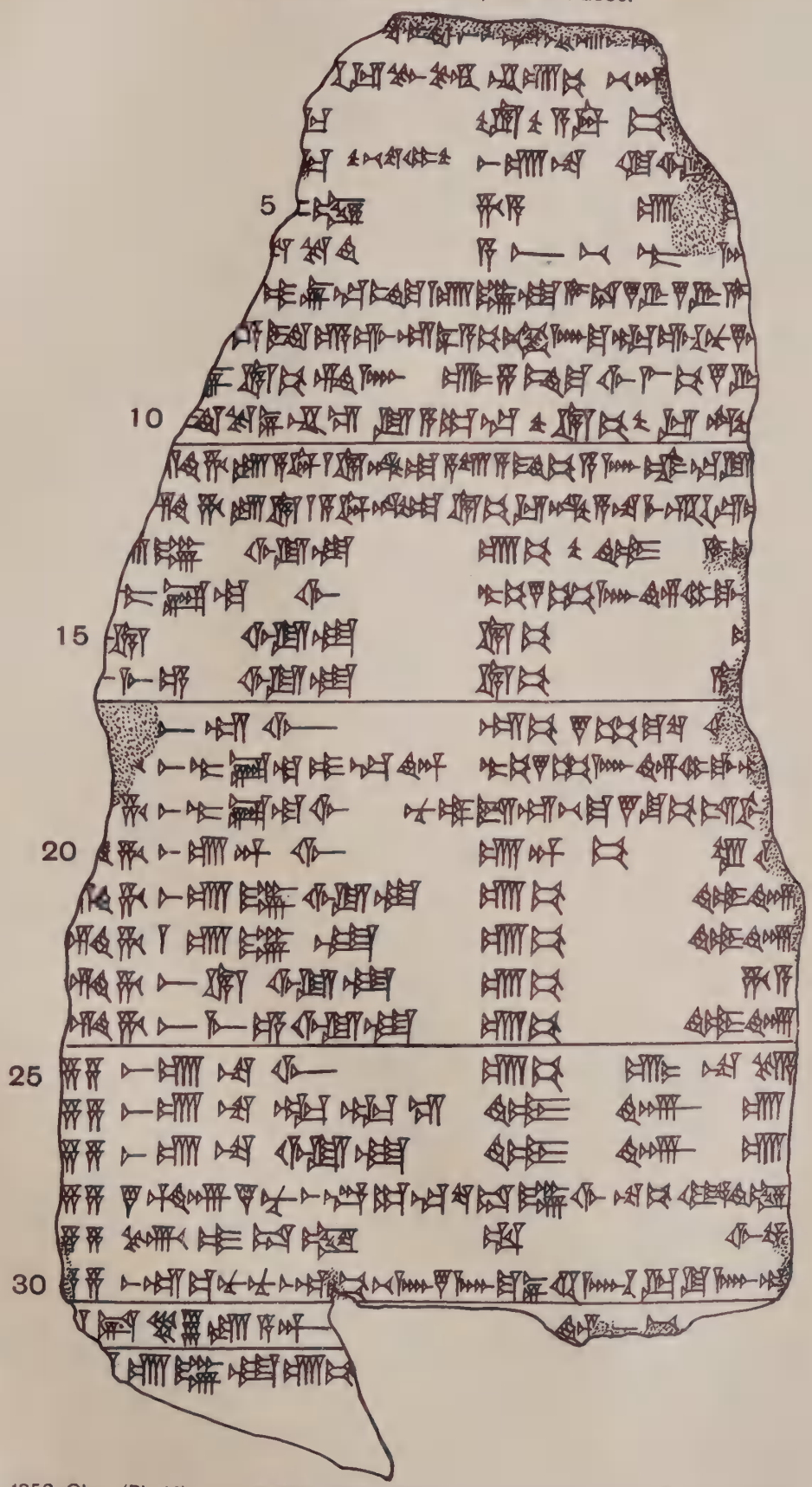


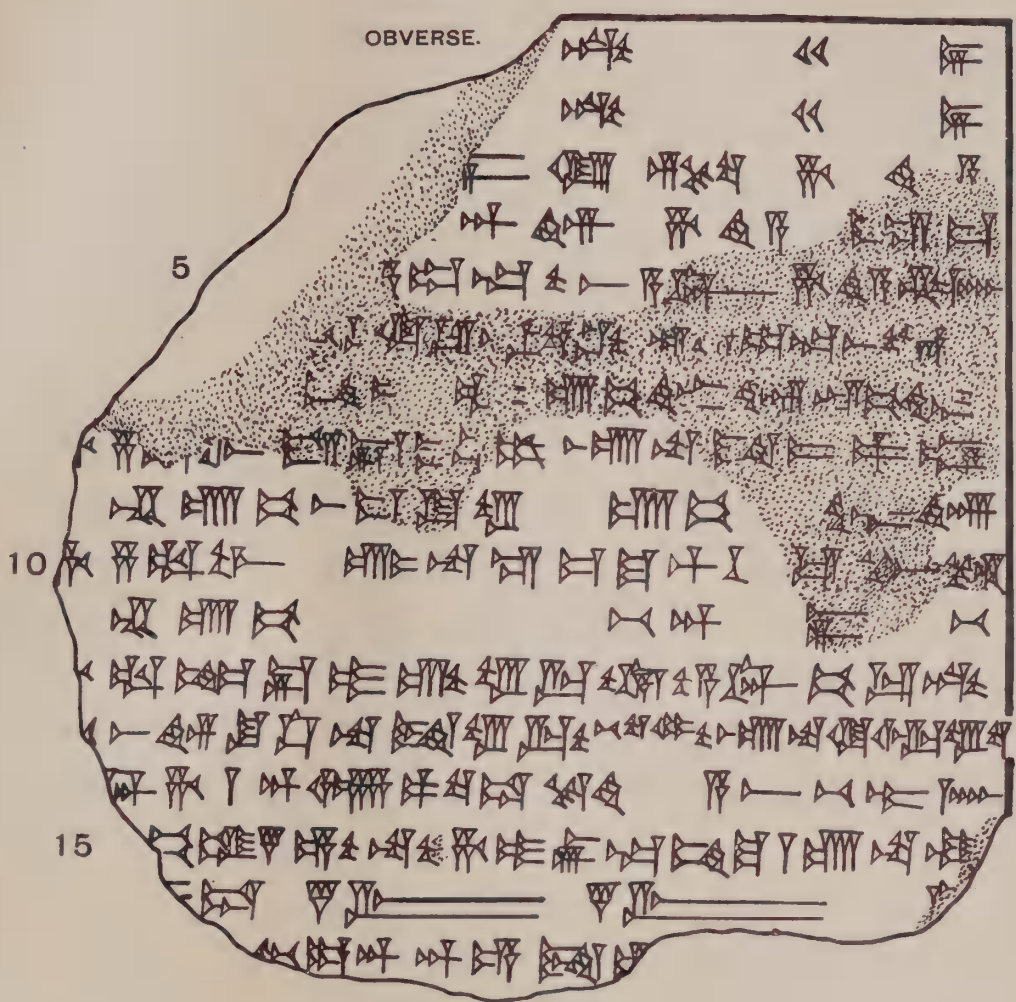
KK. 8023 + 8331 + 12477, and Sm. 2080.



1-8.—Sm. 1952 Obv. (Pl. 14). **7-29.**—Sm. 2080 is a duplicate. **11-26.**—Certain lines also in K. 14024 and Sm. 1405 (Pl. 15). **25-28.**—K. 6932 (Pl. 15). **18.**—See Tablet LXXXVIII, 48. **19.**—See Tablet LXXXVIII, 47. **23, 24.**—Sm. 2080 reads for at beginning of apodosis in both lines. **30.**—See Tablet II, 39.

Sm. 1952.

OBVERSE.



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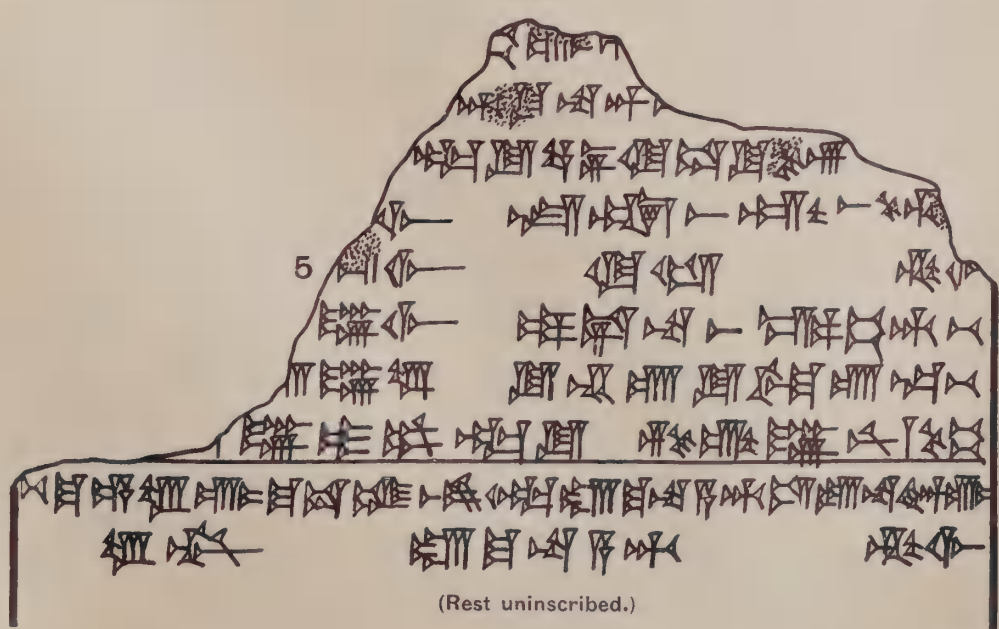

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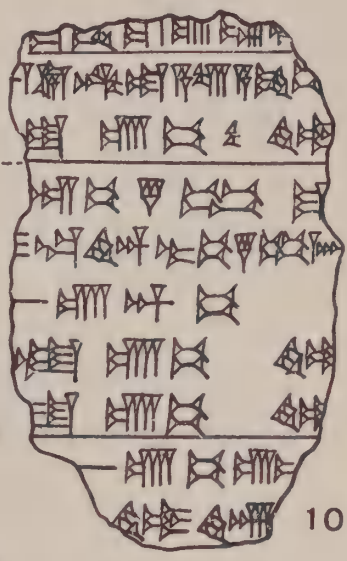
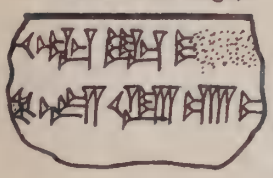
Sm. 1405.
OBVERSE.

K. 14024.

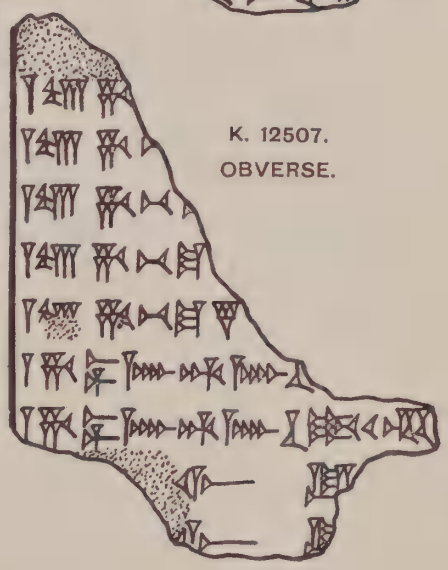
Sm. 1405.
REVERSE.



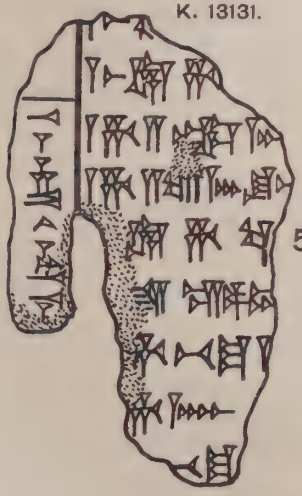
K. 14024 (Left edge).



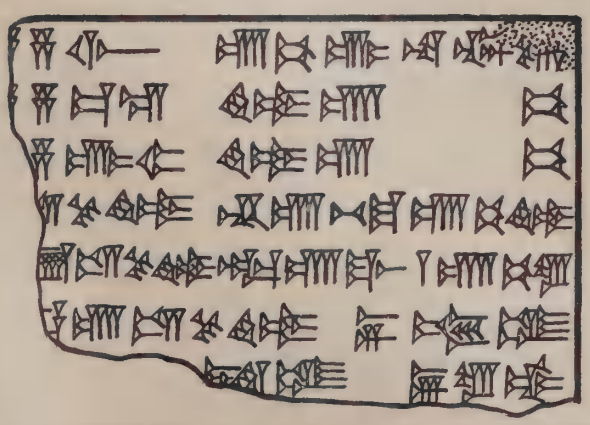
K. 12507.
OBVERSE.



K. 13131.



K. 6932.



K. 12507.
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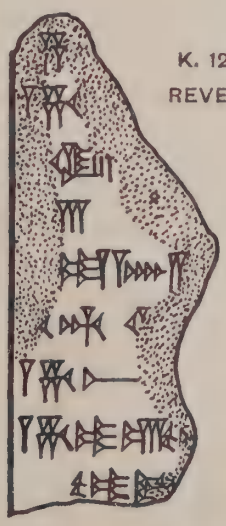
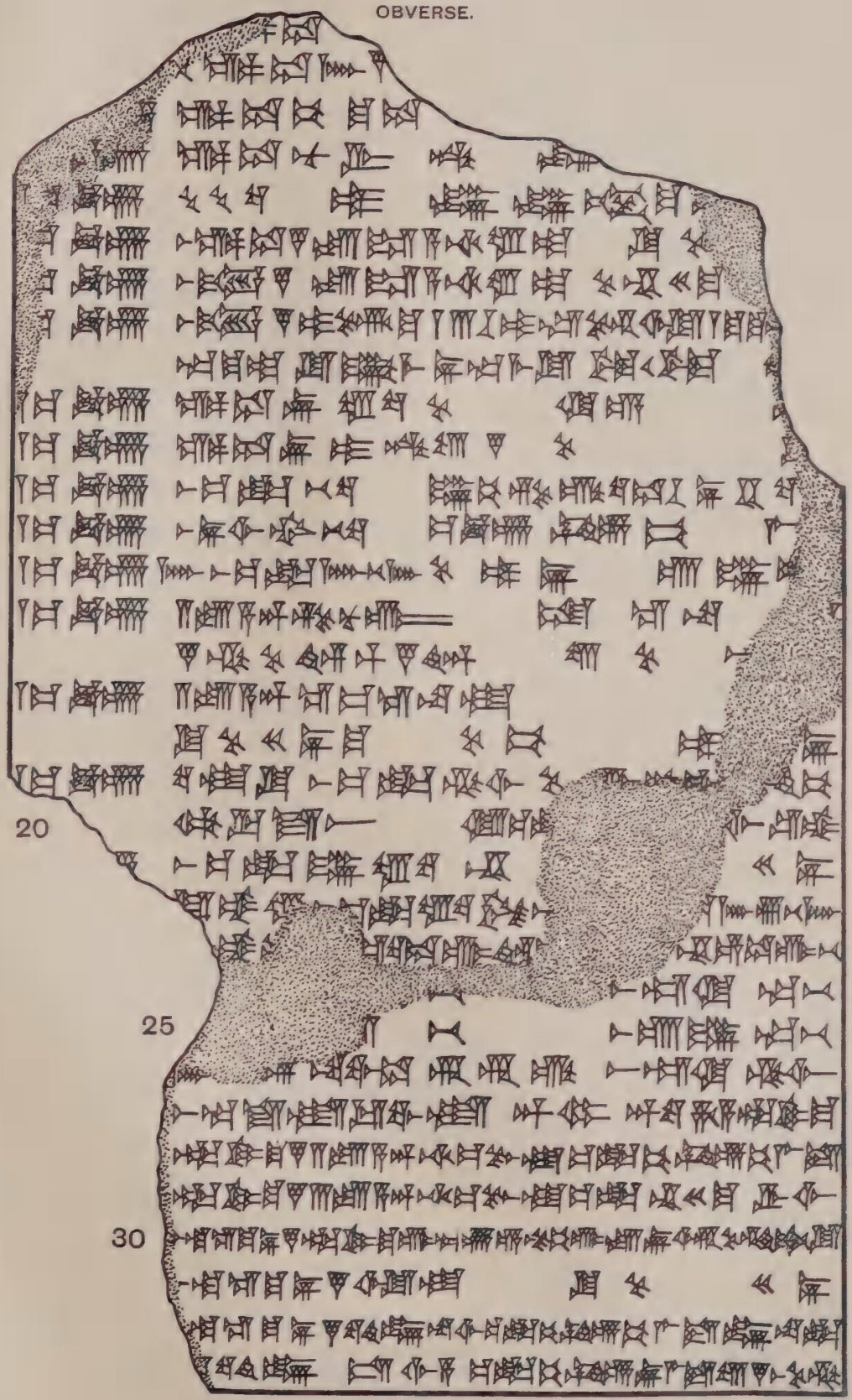


K. 14024 and Sm. 1405, 1 = Pl. 13. 7, 2ff. cf. Pl. 13, 11–26

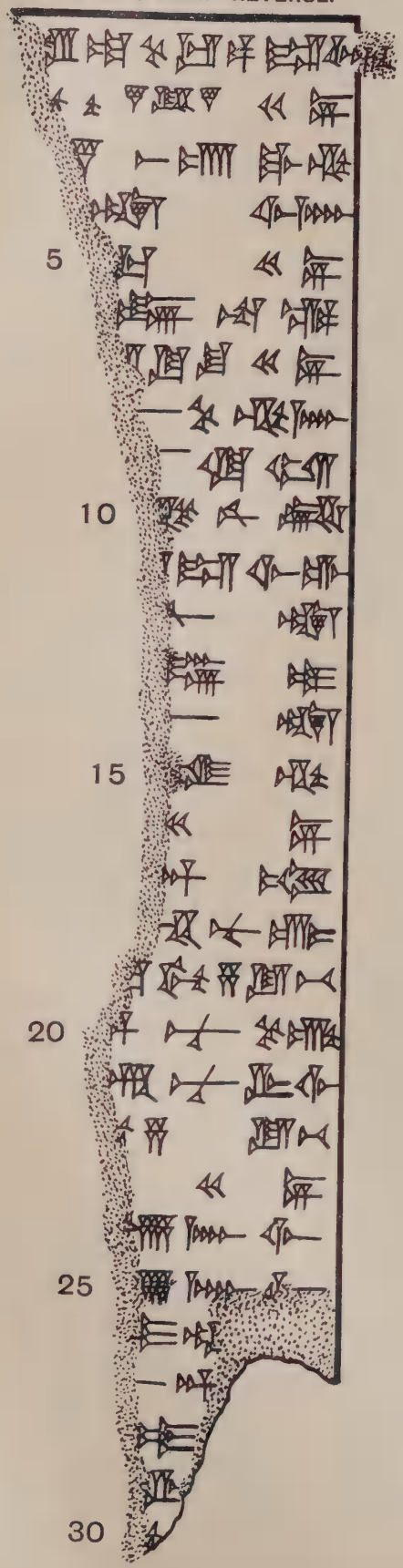
K. 6932, 1–3 = Pl. 13, 25–28.

KK. 2284 + 6298

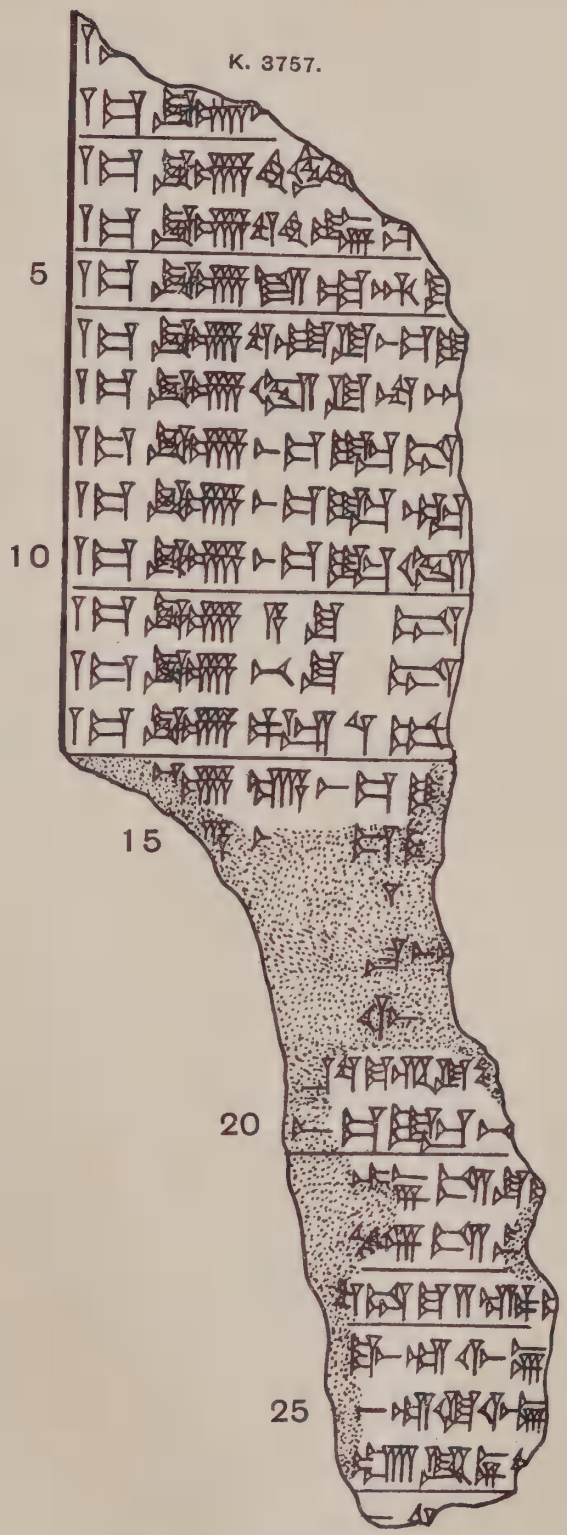
OBVERSE.



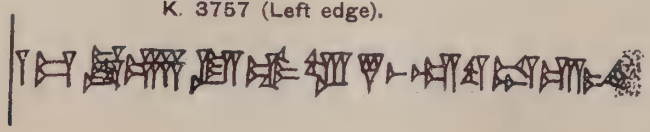
KK. 2284 + 6298. REVERSE.



K. 3757.



K. 3757 (Left edge).



KK. 2851 + 6299.

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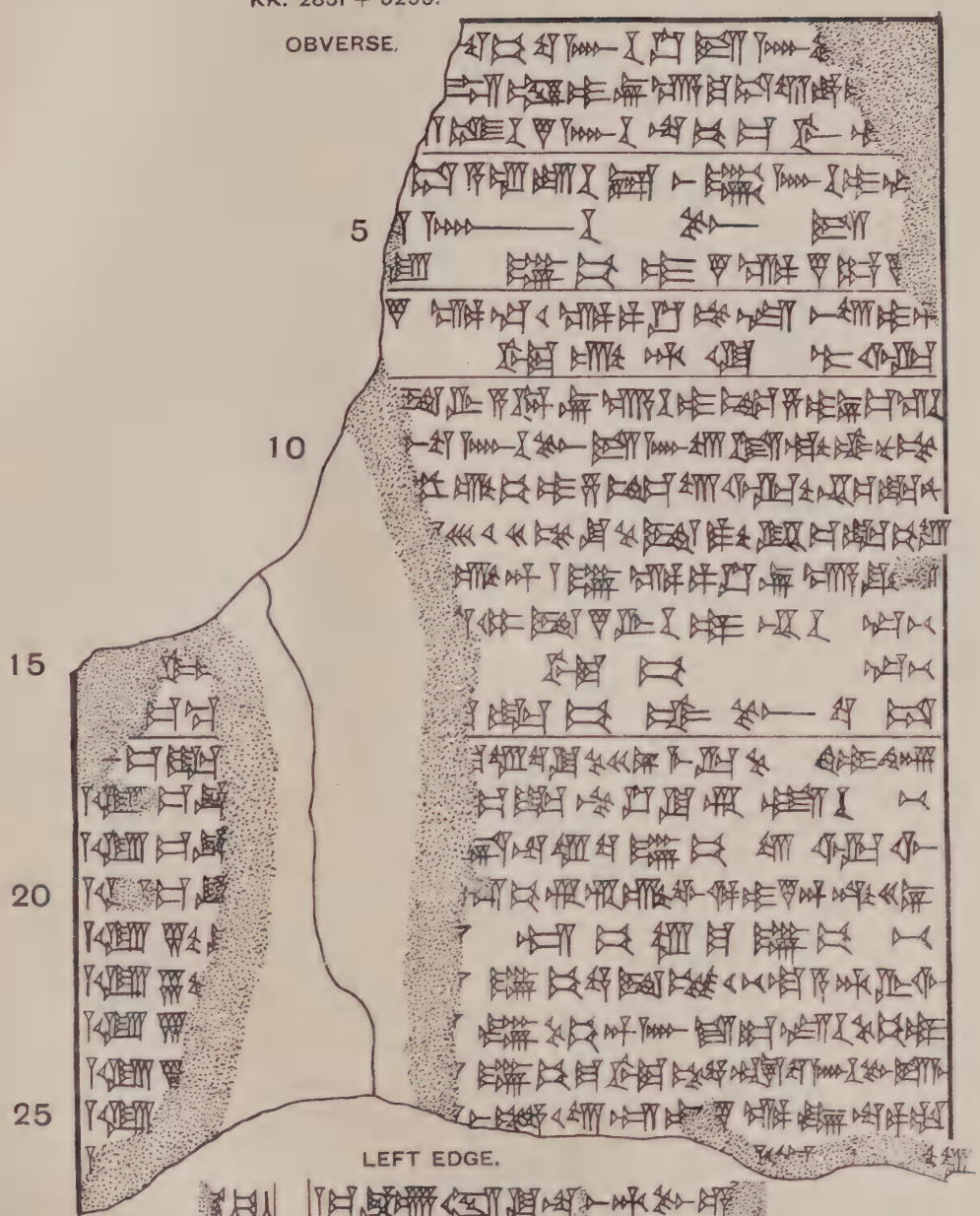

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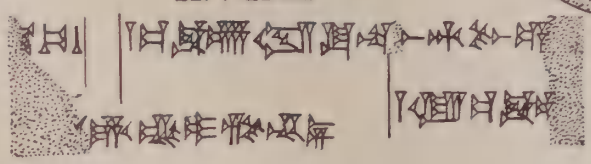

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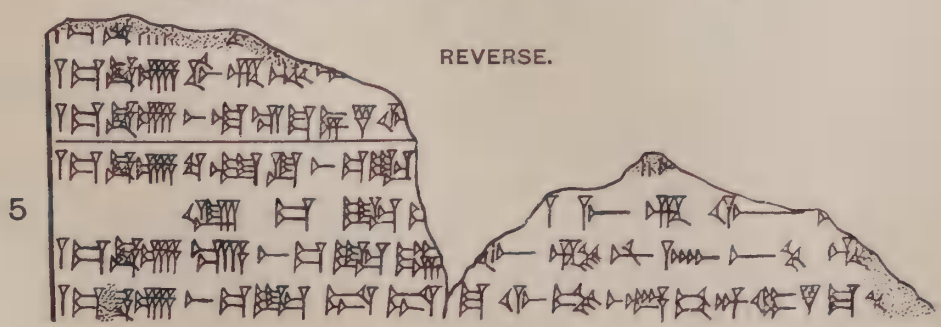
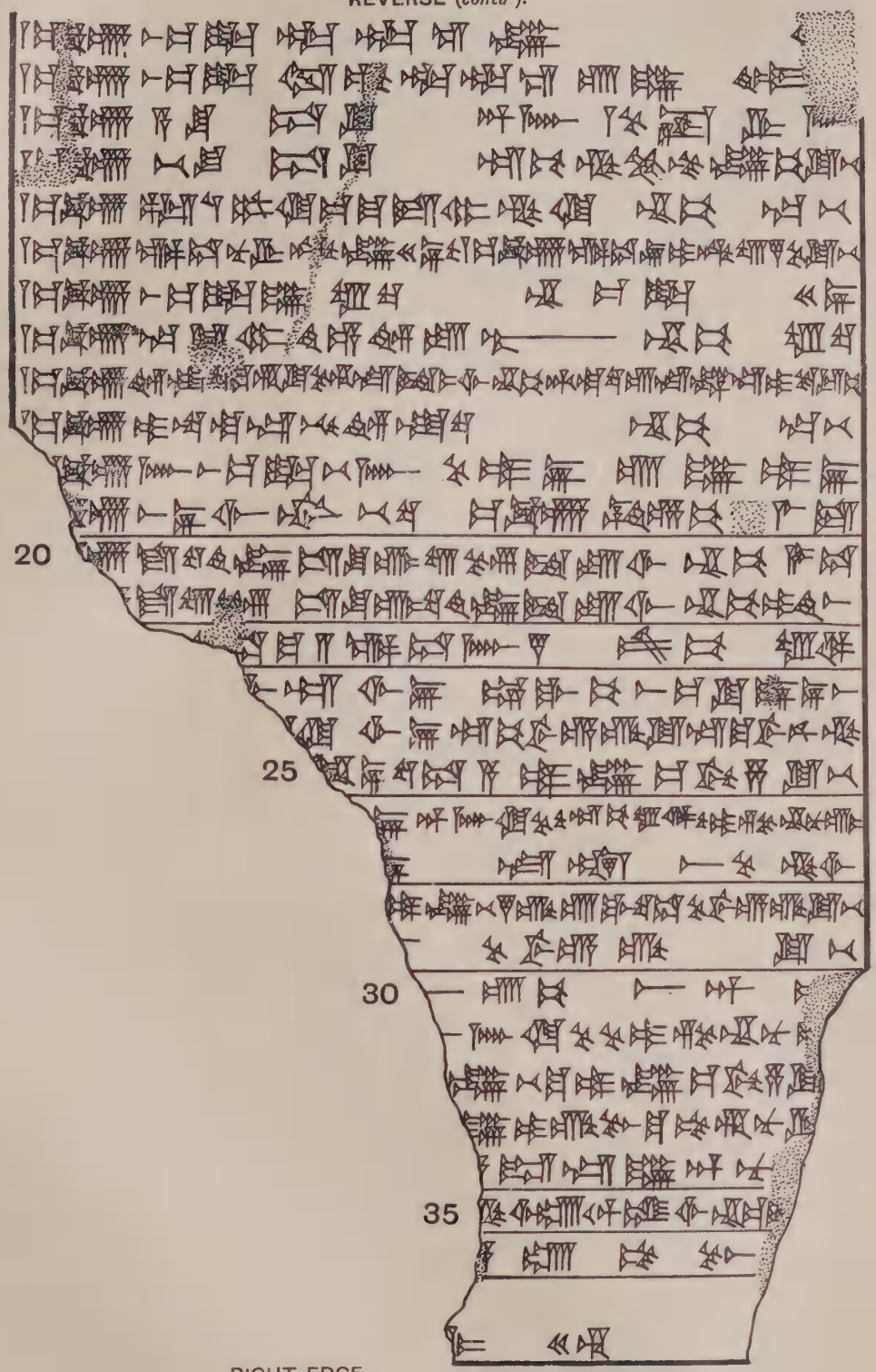
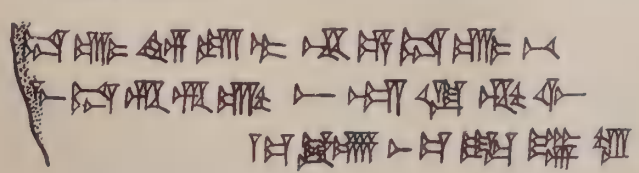


KK. 2851 + 6299.
REVERSE (*contd*).



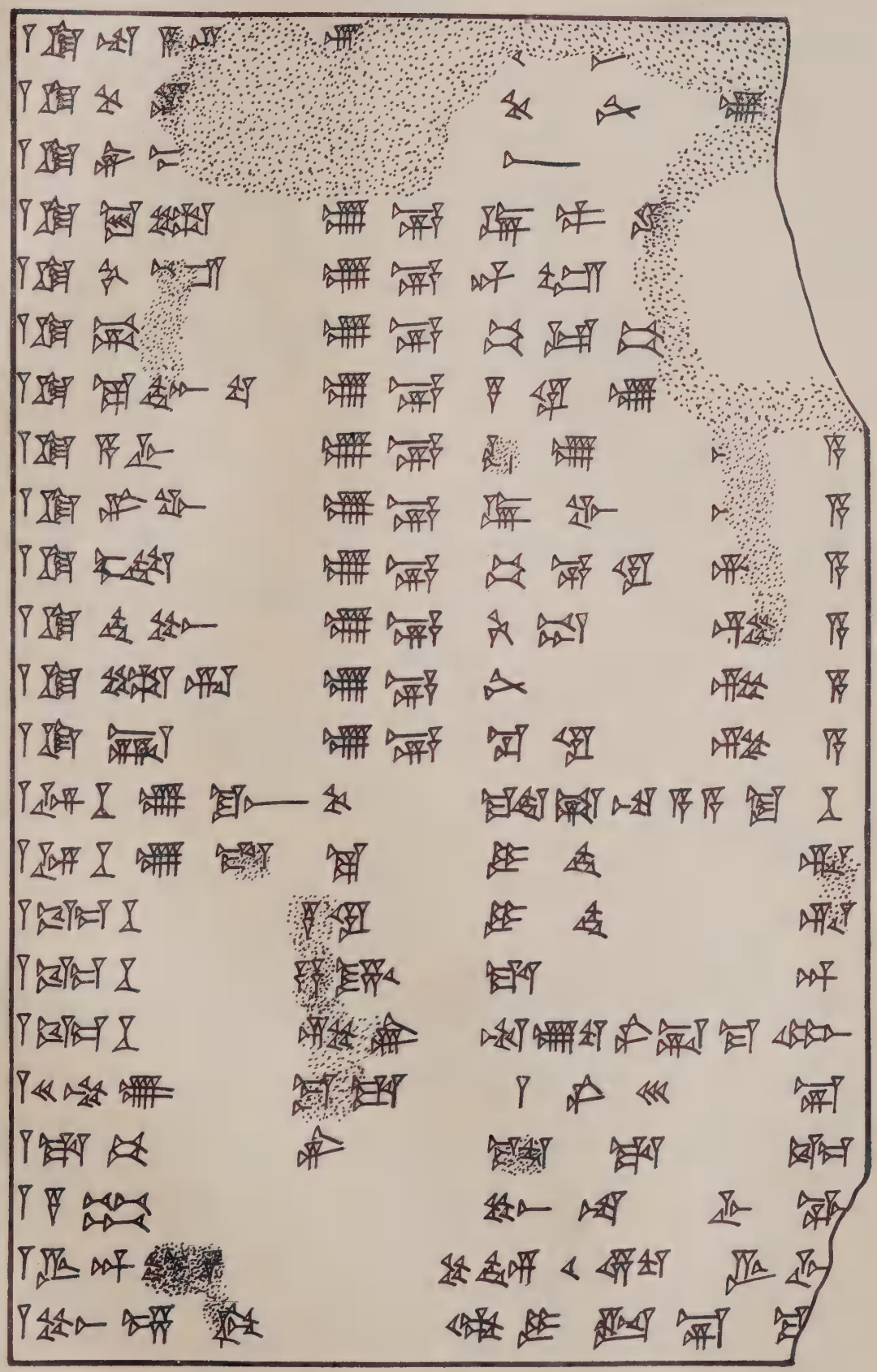
RIGHT EDGE.



23.—Third sign from end is presumably *in*.
Right edge.—Last line uncompleted.

38585.

OBVERSE.



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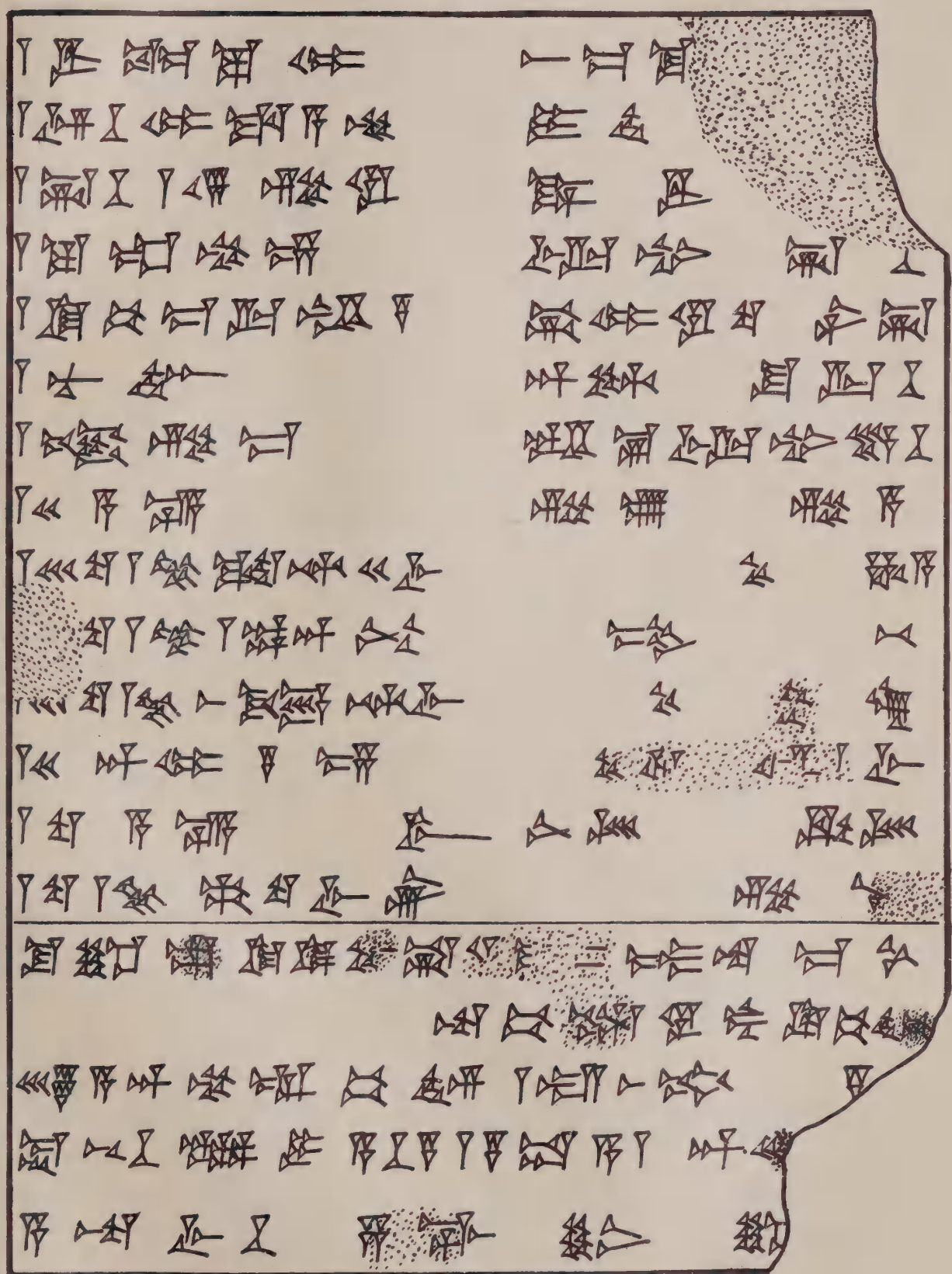

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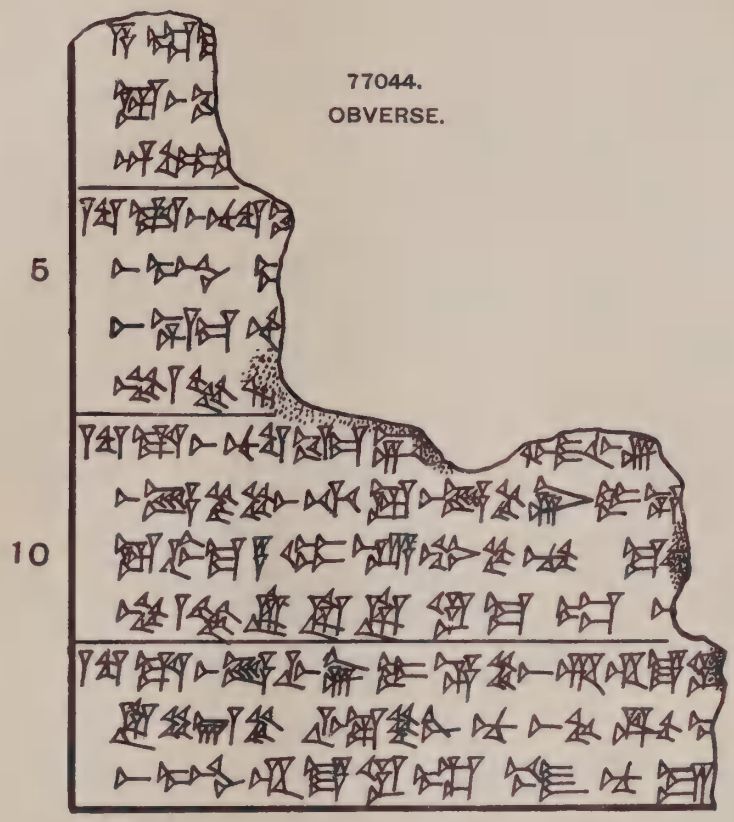

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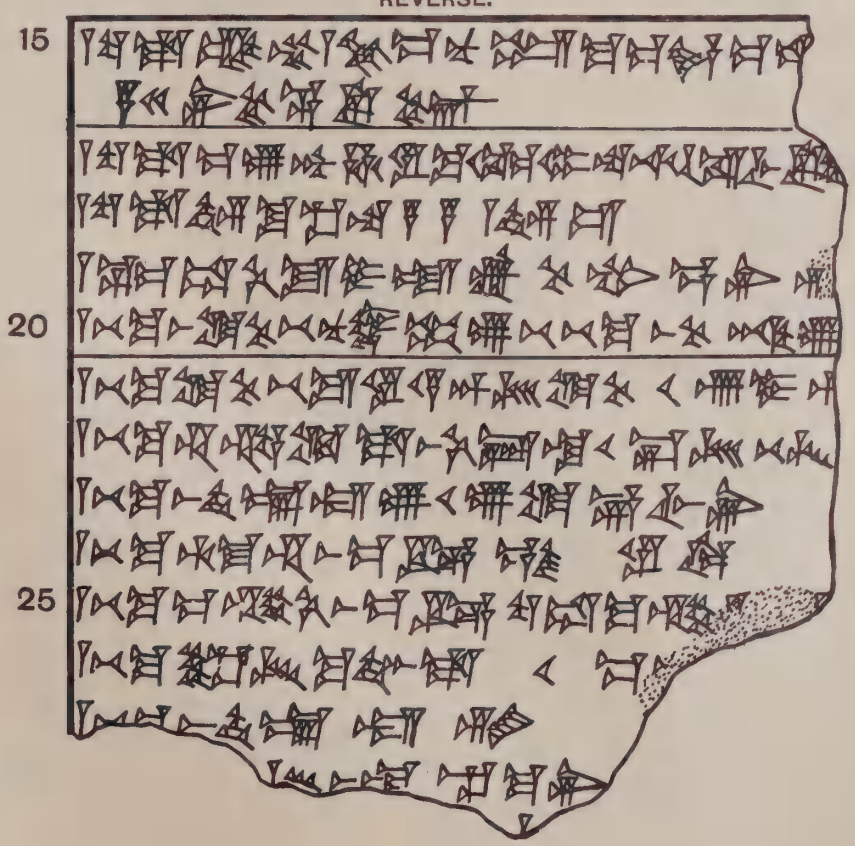

K. 3844 + 82-3-23, 57.

OBVERSE.

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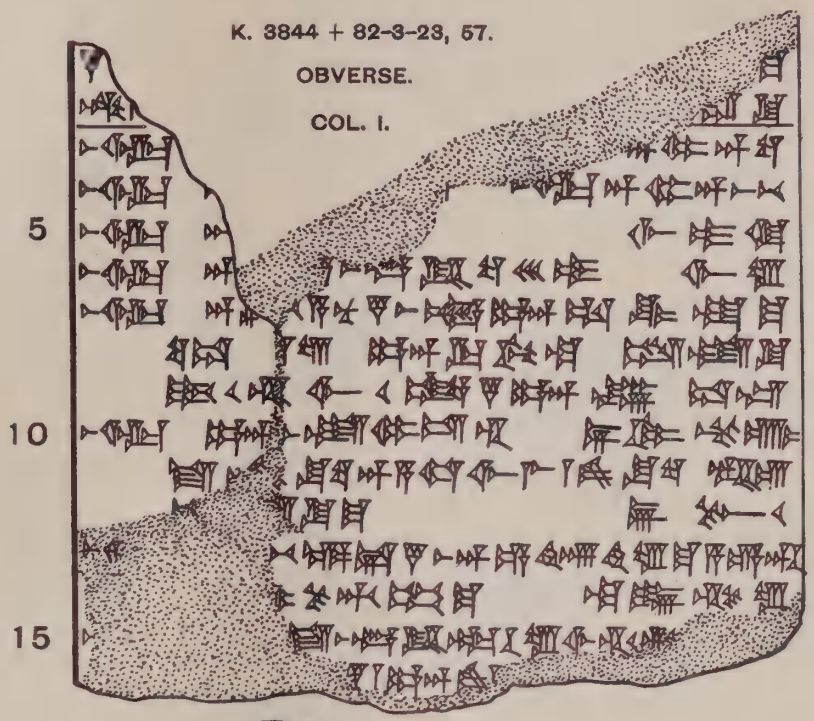

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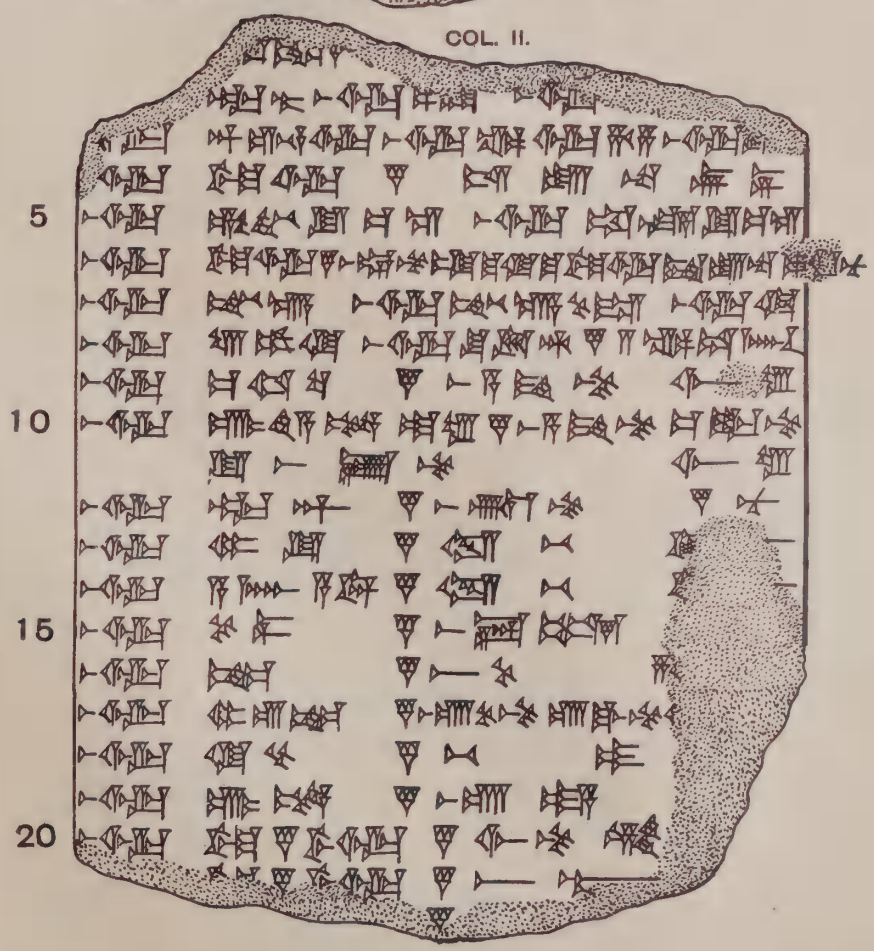

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REVERSE.

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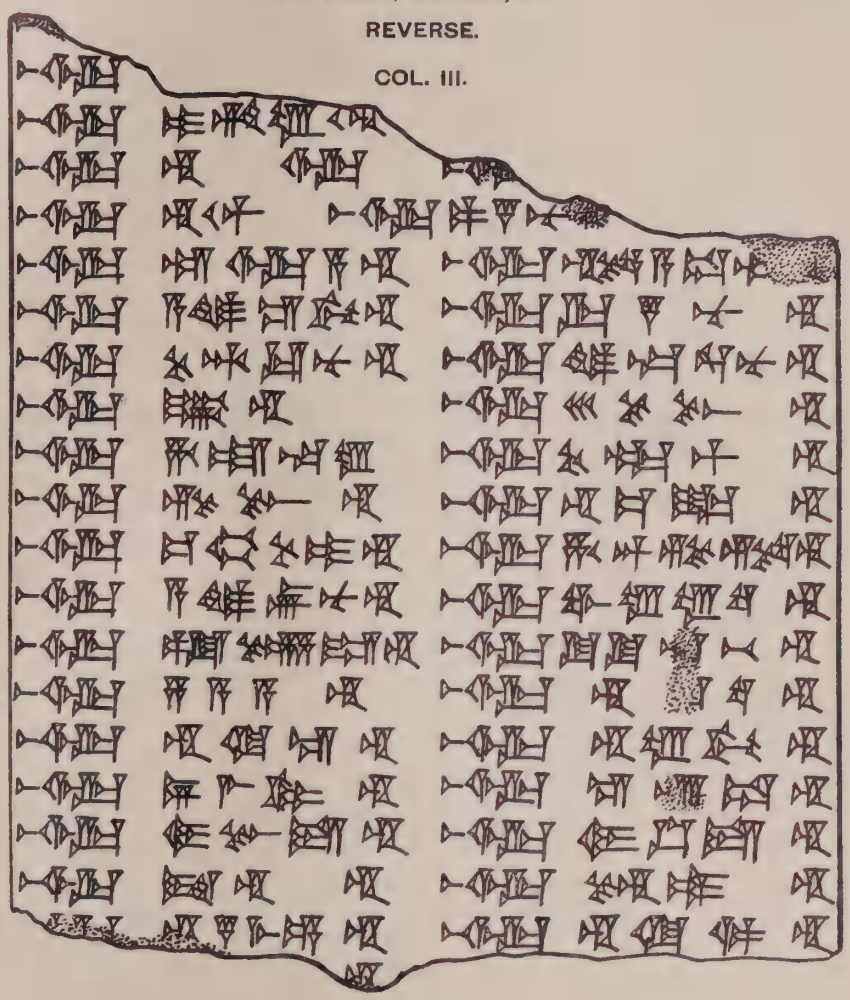

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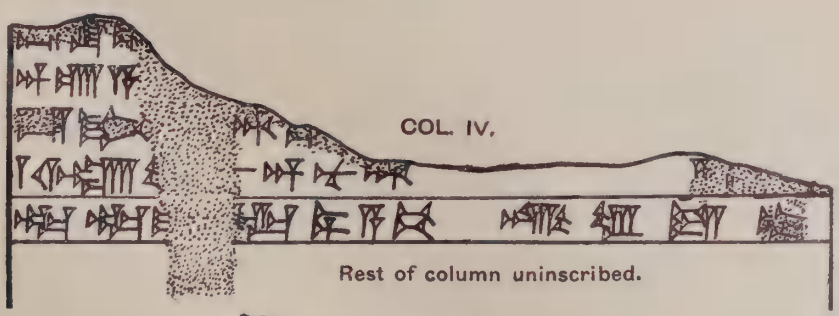

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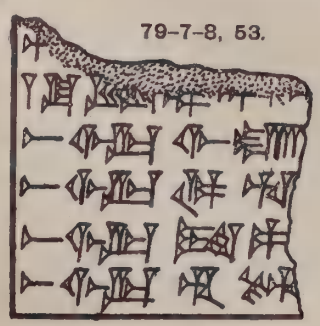
79-7-8, 53.



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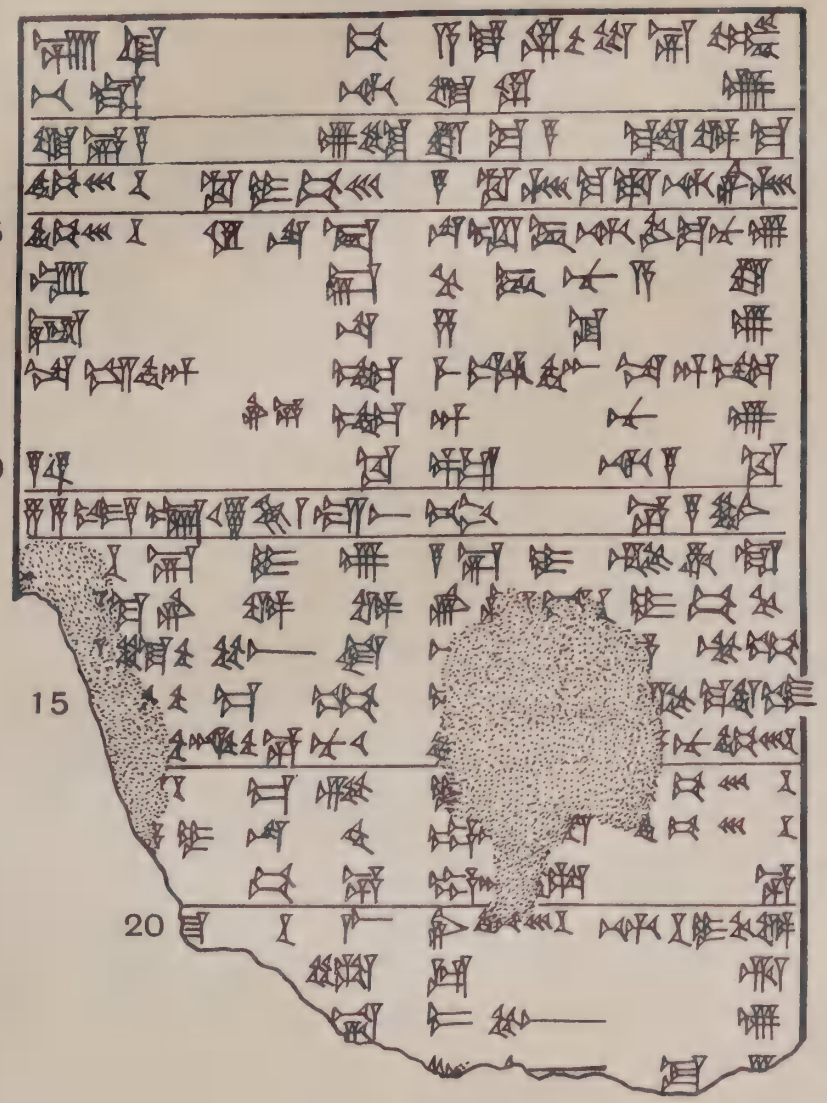

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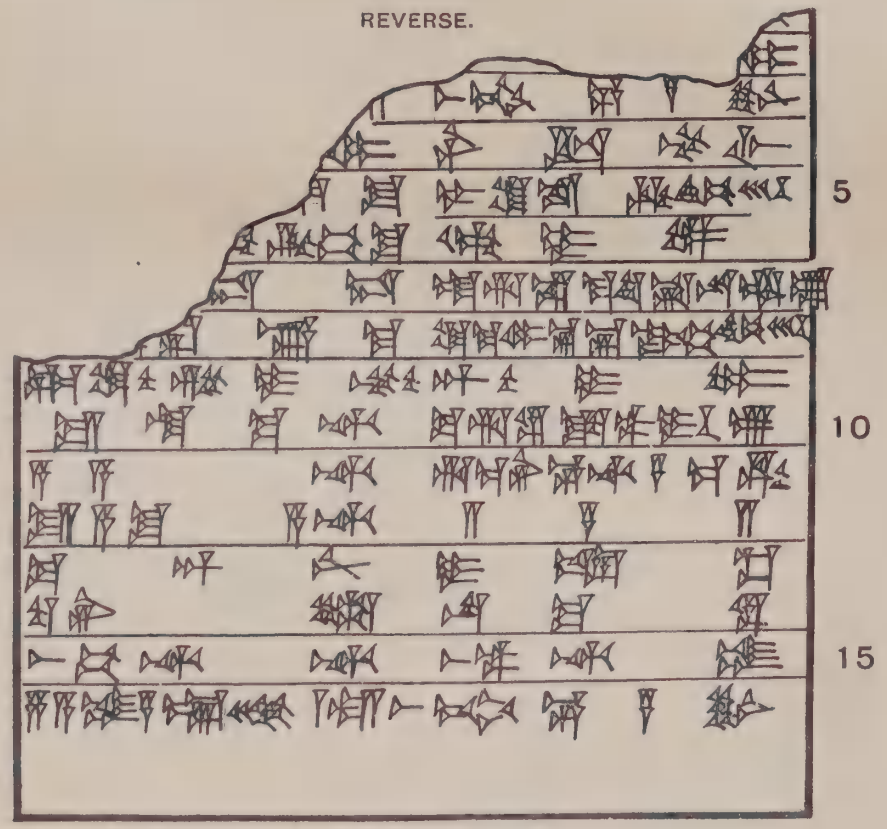

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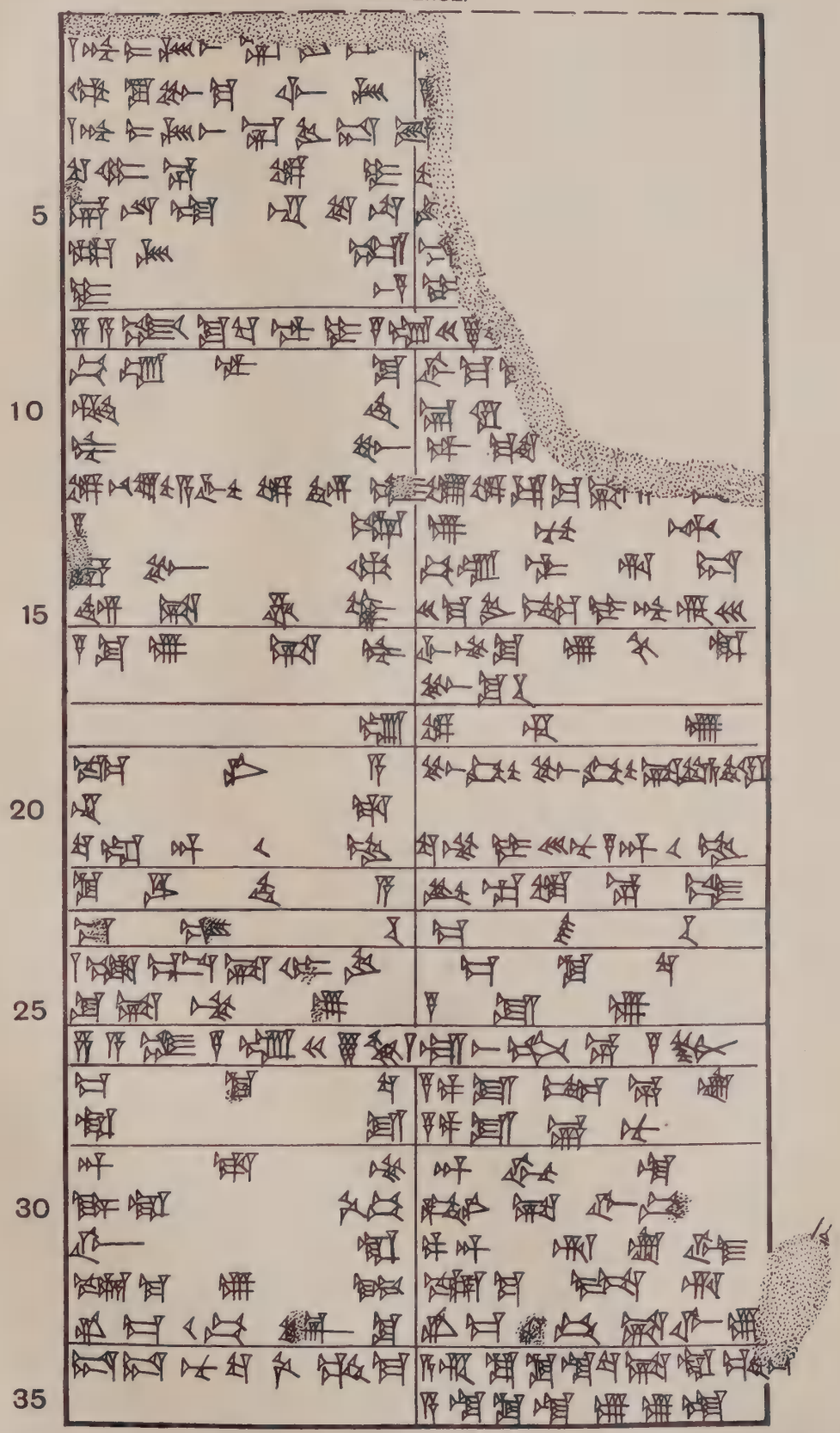

14.—First sign uncertain. **31.**—First sign so written. **33.** ⟨ (right side) written over another sign.

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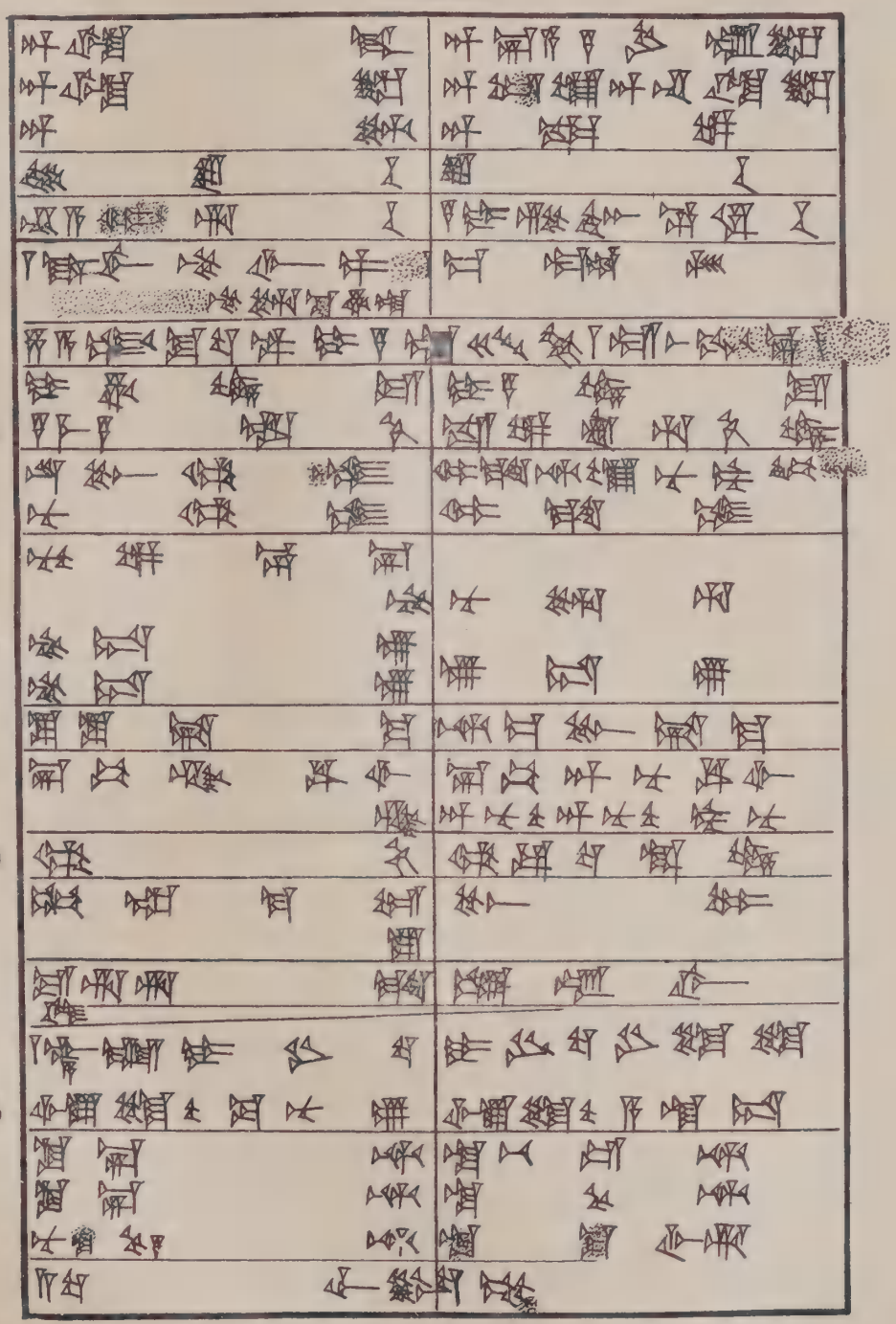
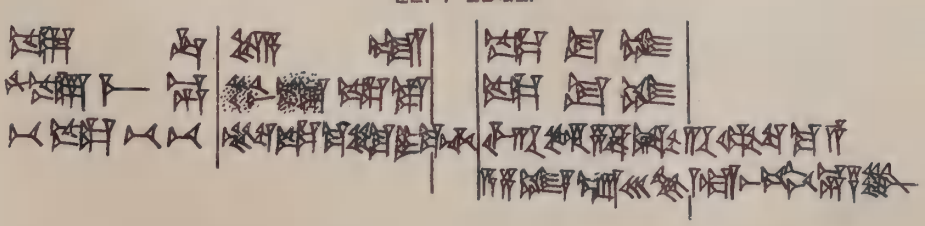


5.—*MI* written over obliterated traces. In next two lines are erasures.

LEFT EDGE.



KK. 2919 + 2924 + 8422.

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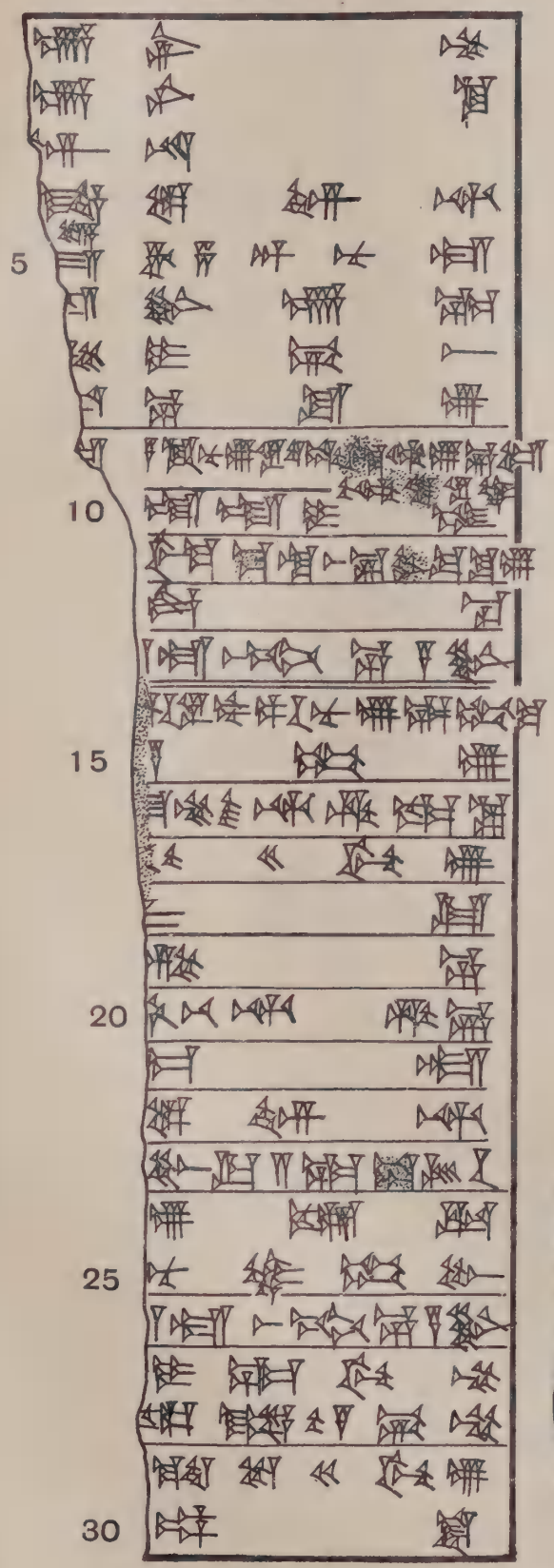

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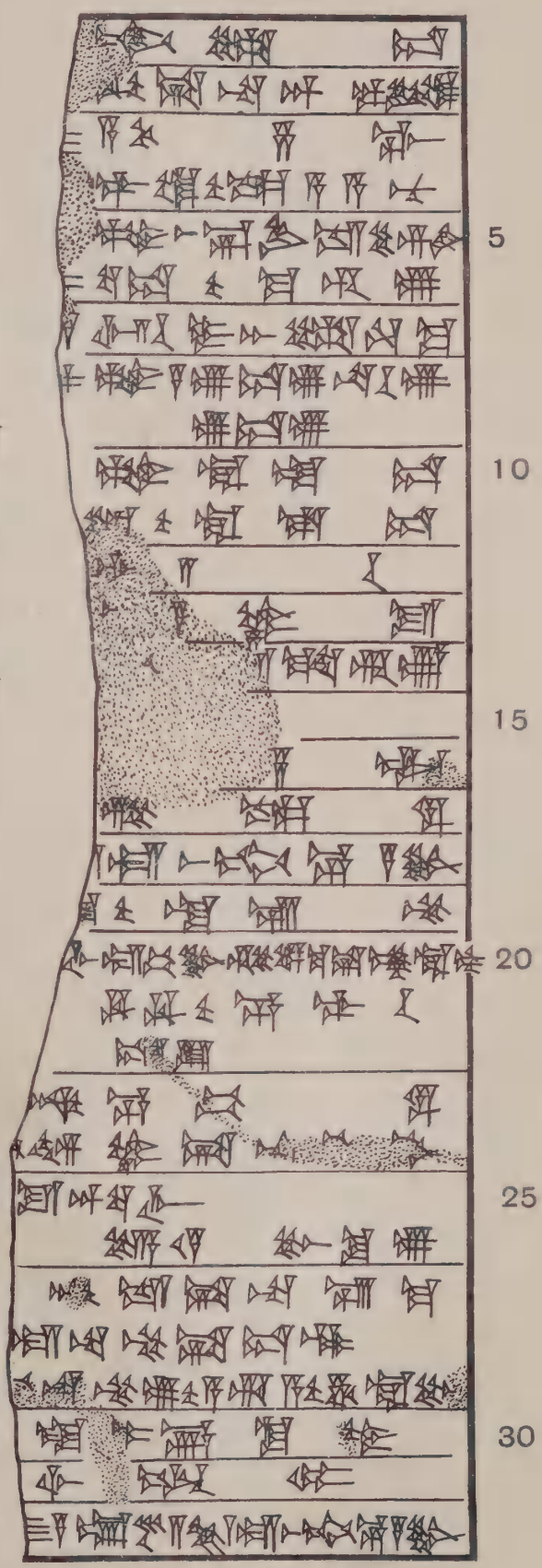
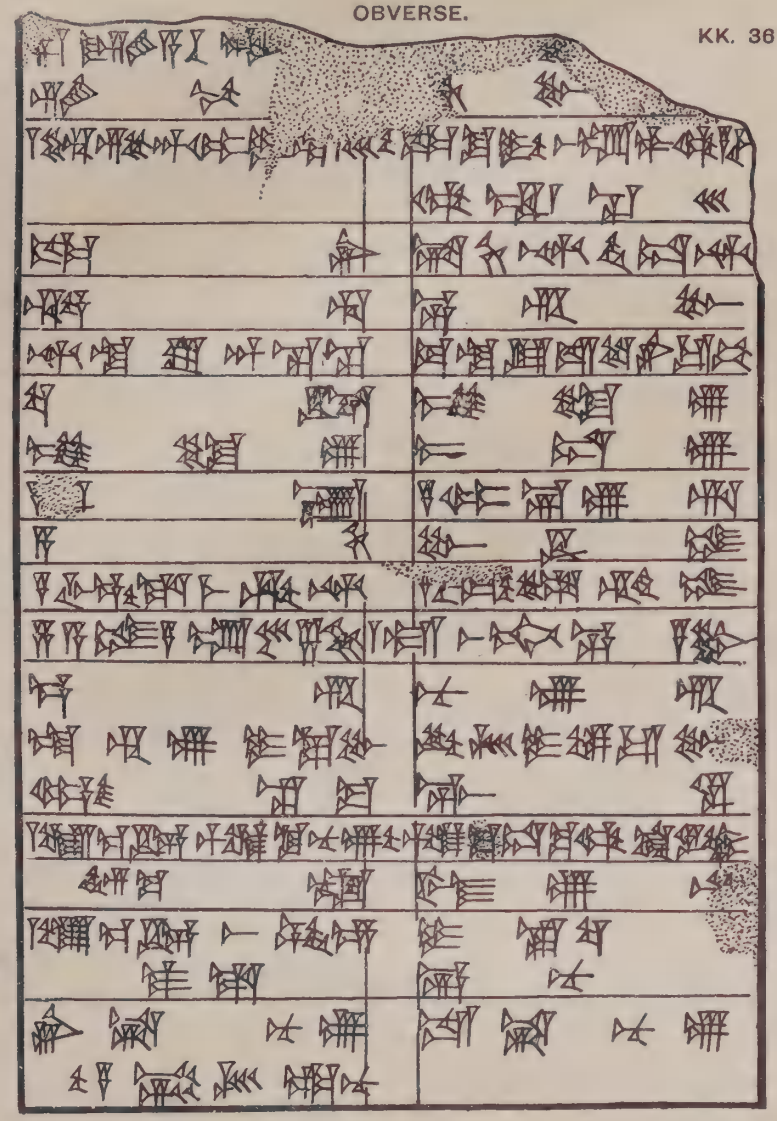


14.—Last sign doubtful.

OBVERSE.

KK. 36 + 2917.



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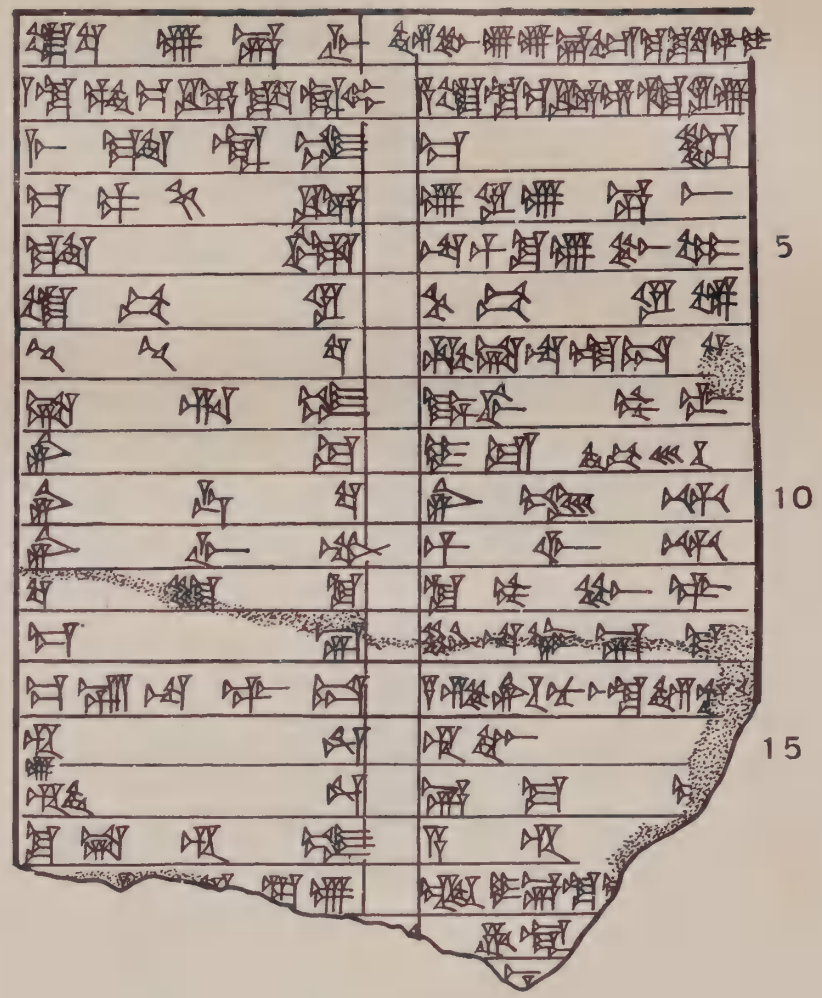

PLATE 29.

92683 (D.T. 37).
OBVERSE.

92683 (D.T. 37).
REVERSE.

92700 (D.T. 36).

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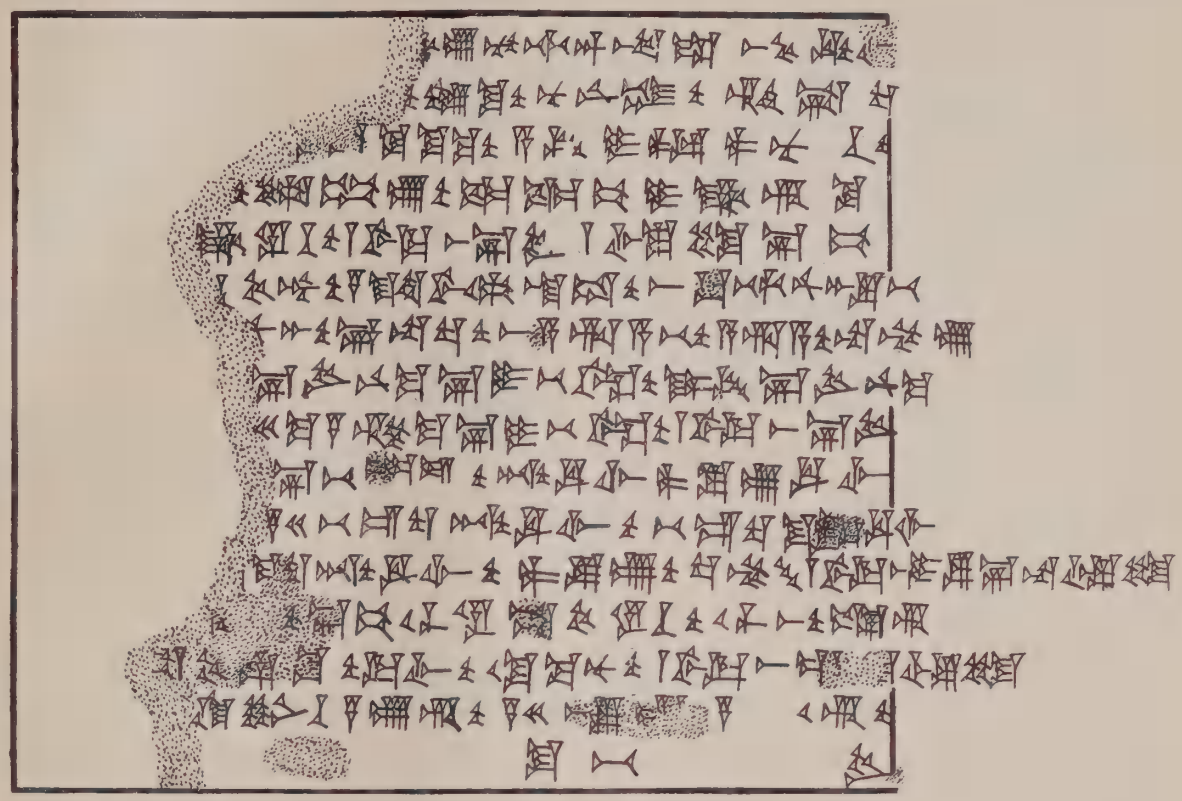

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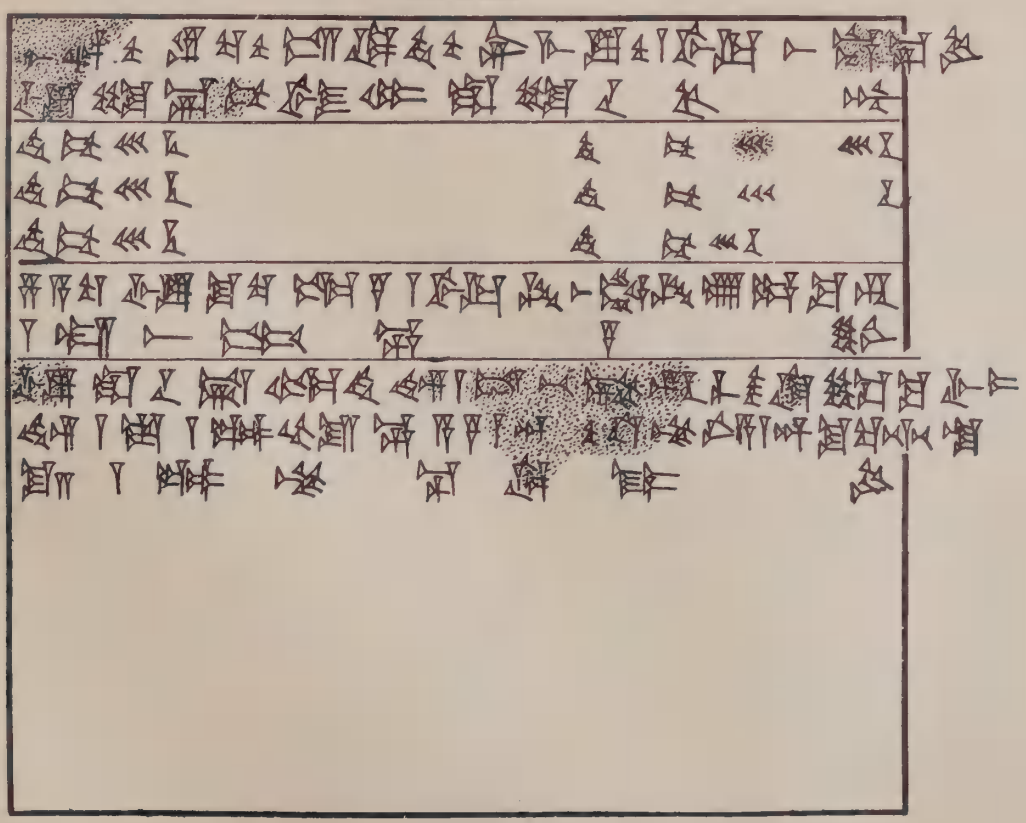

K. 118.
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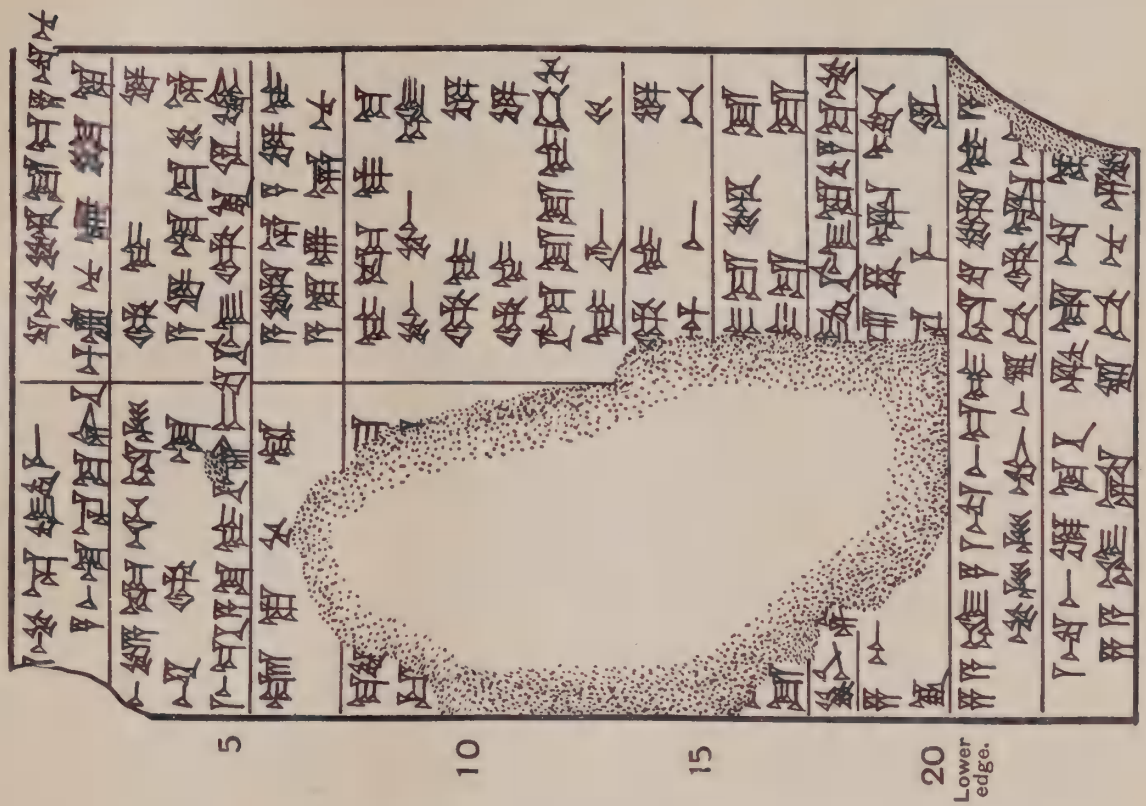
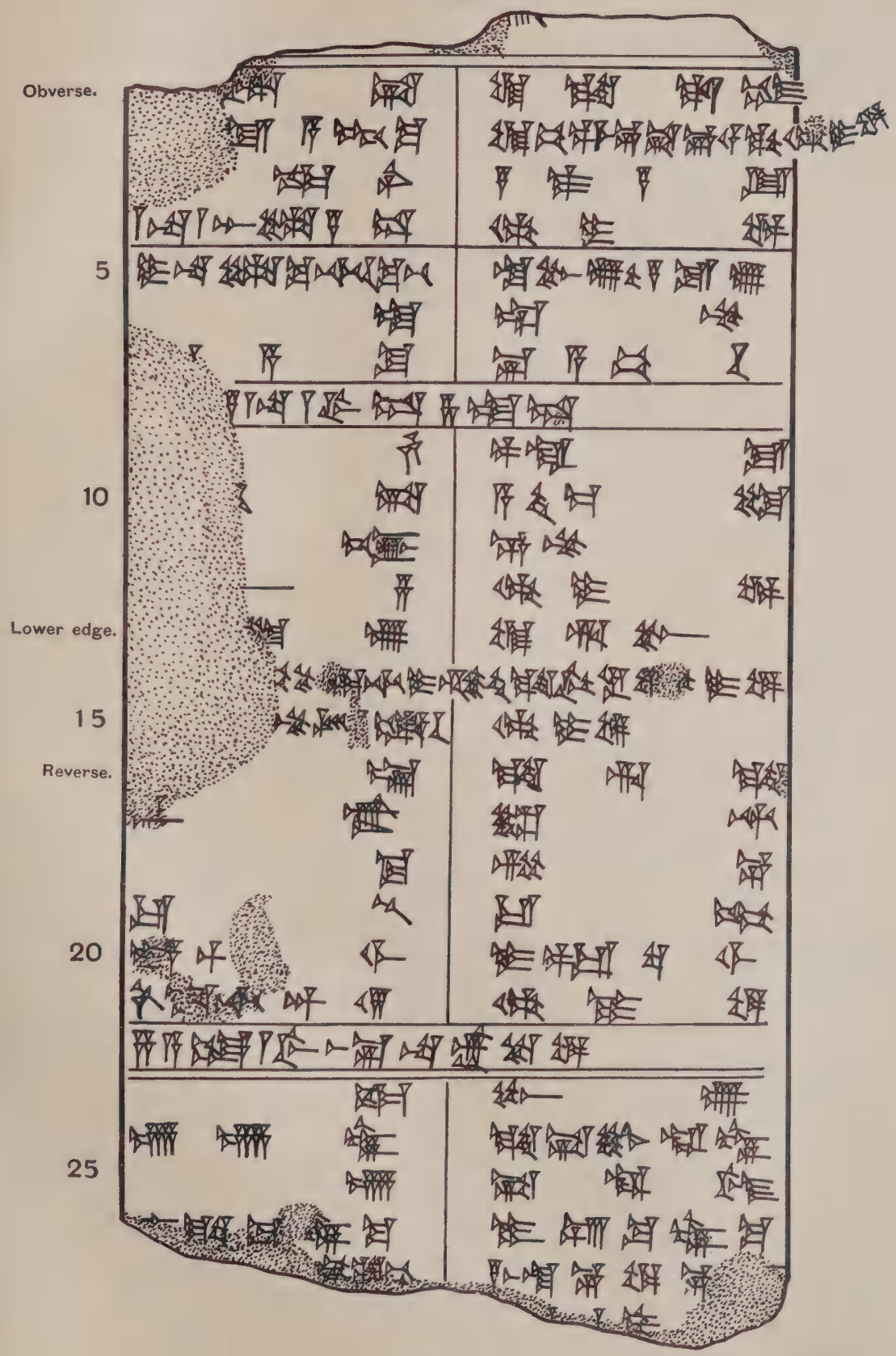


K. 118.
OBVERSE.

K. 103.



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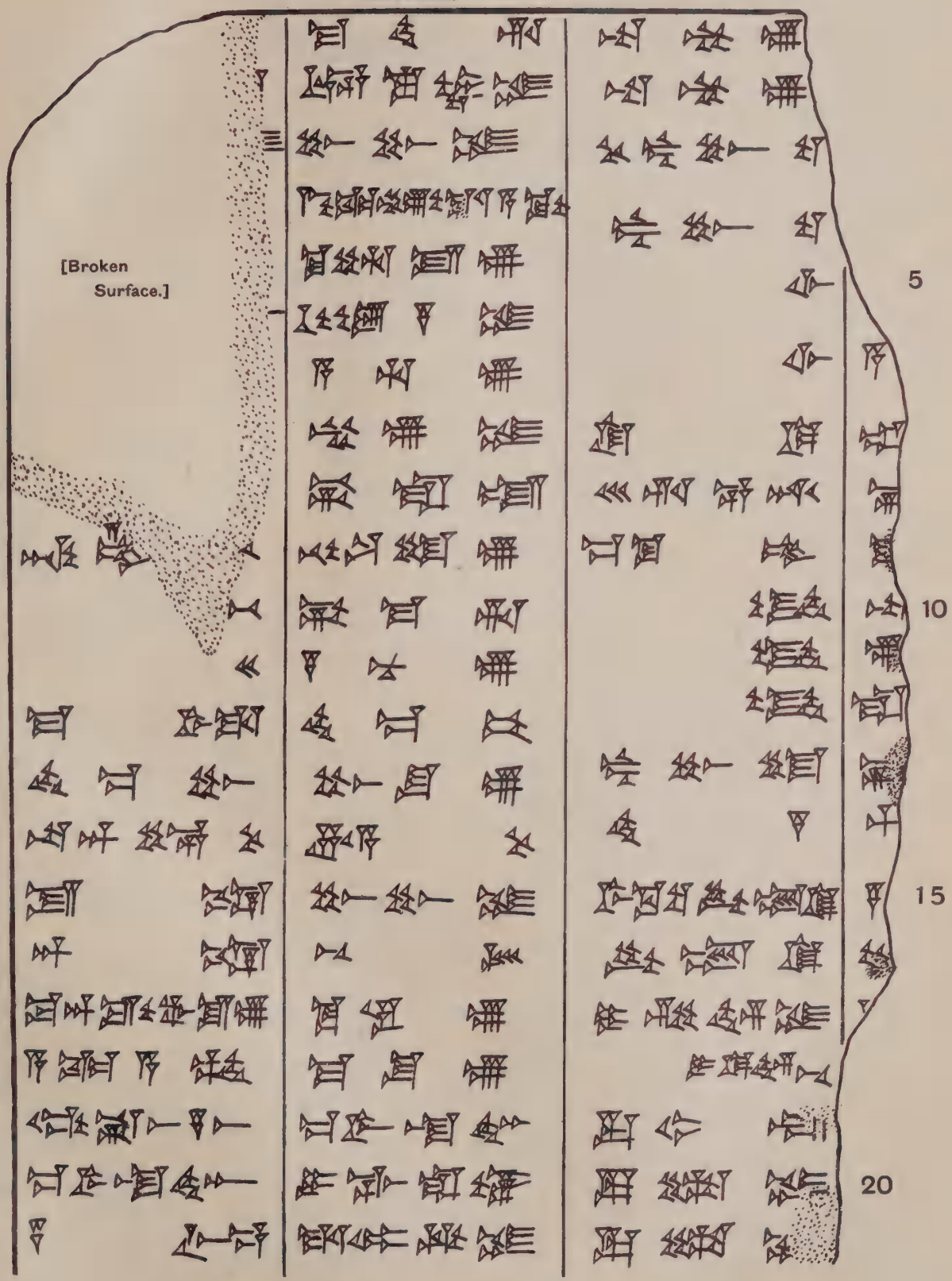

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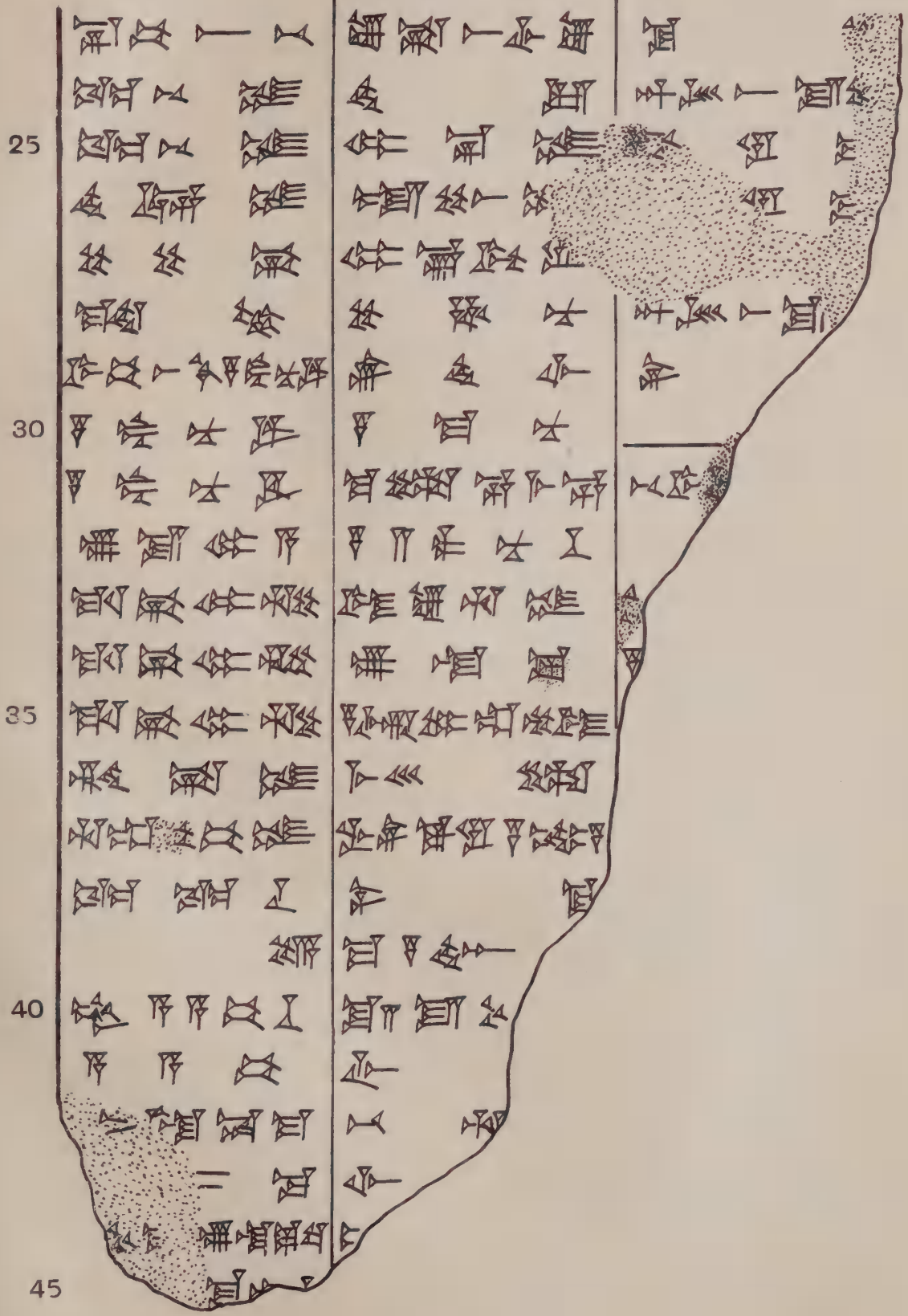

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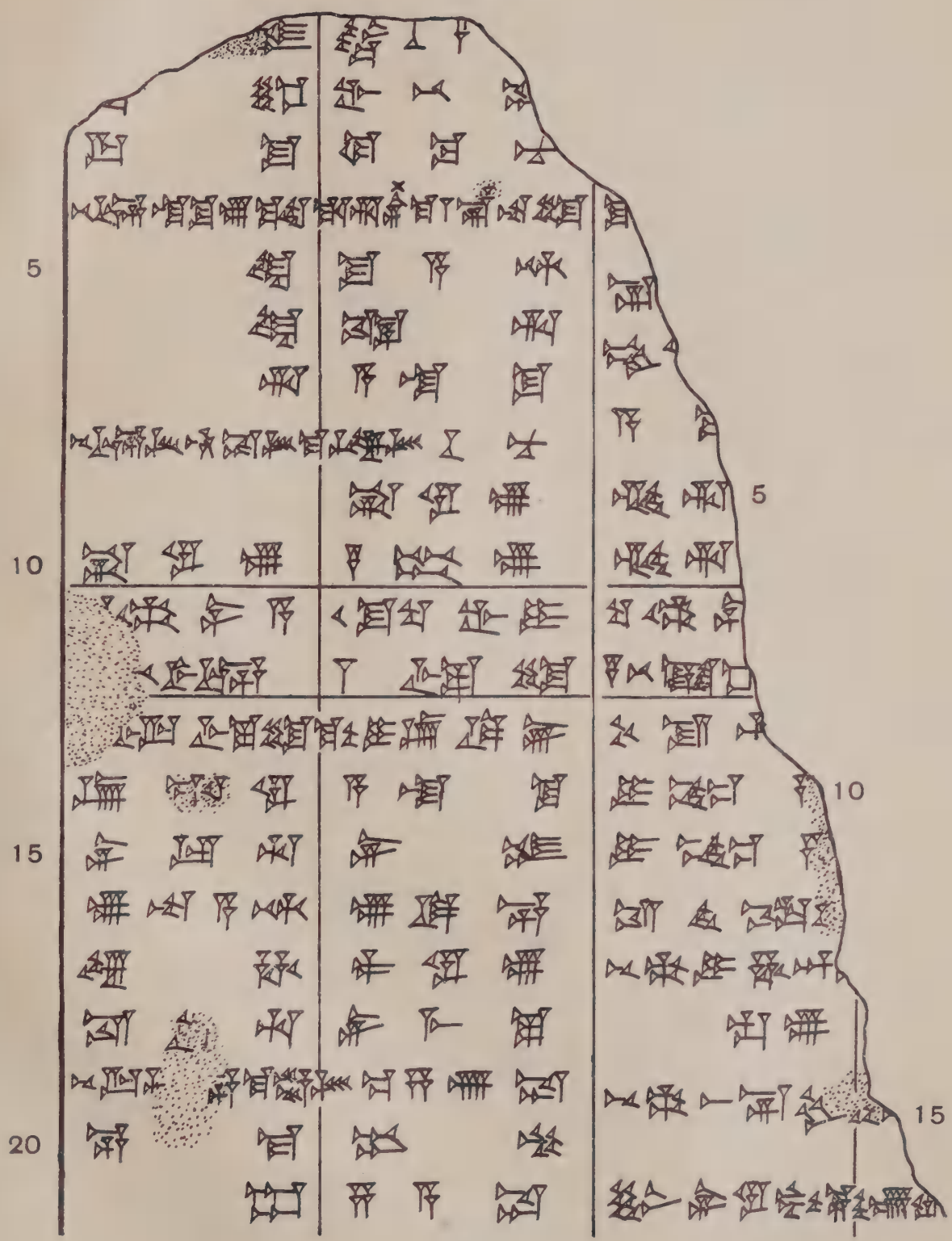

4.—X *Sic!*

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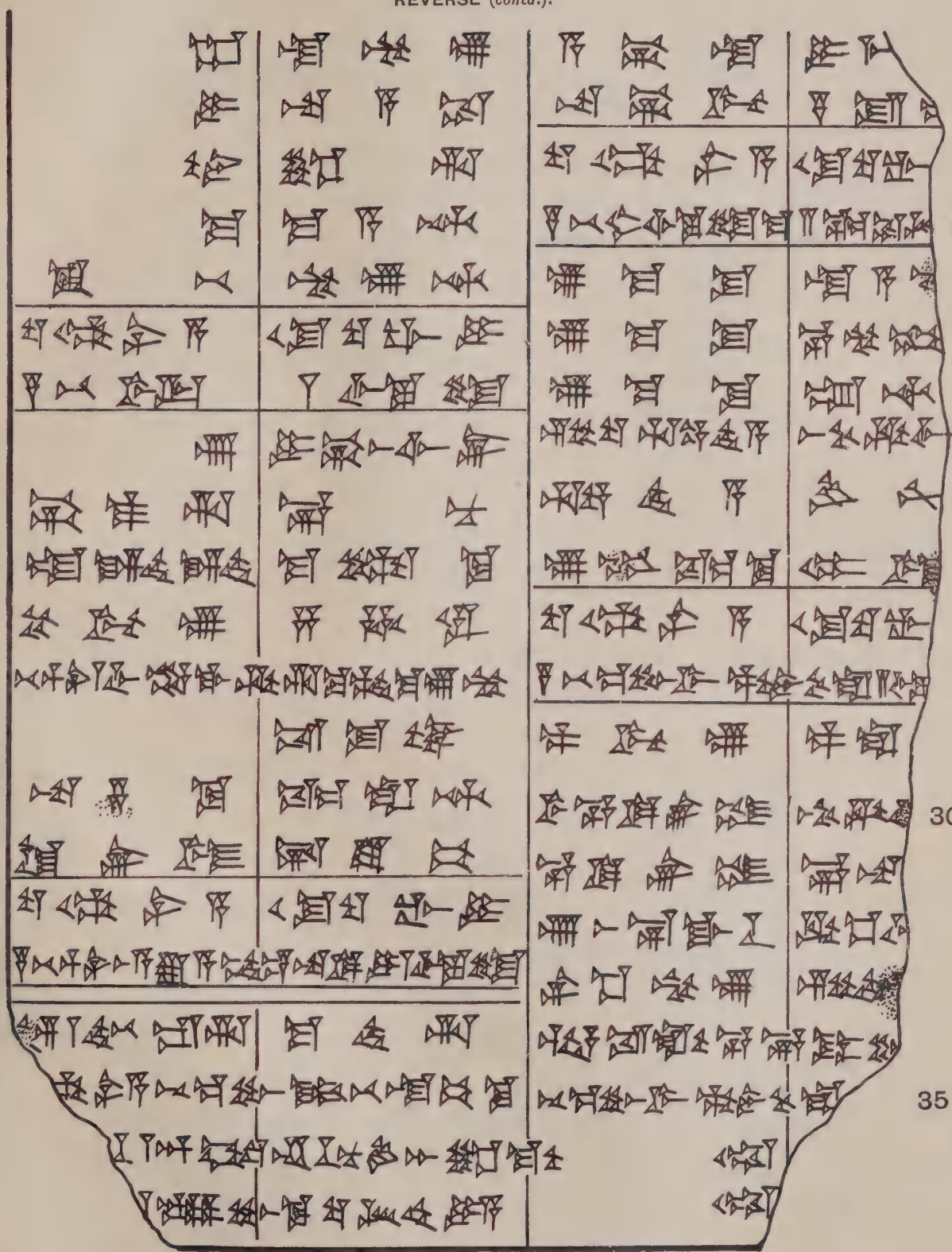

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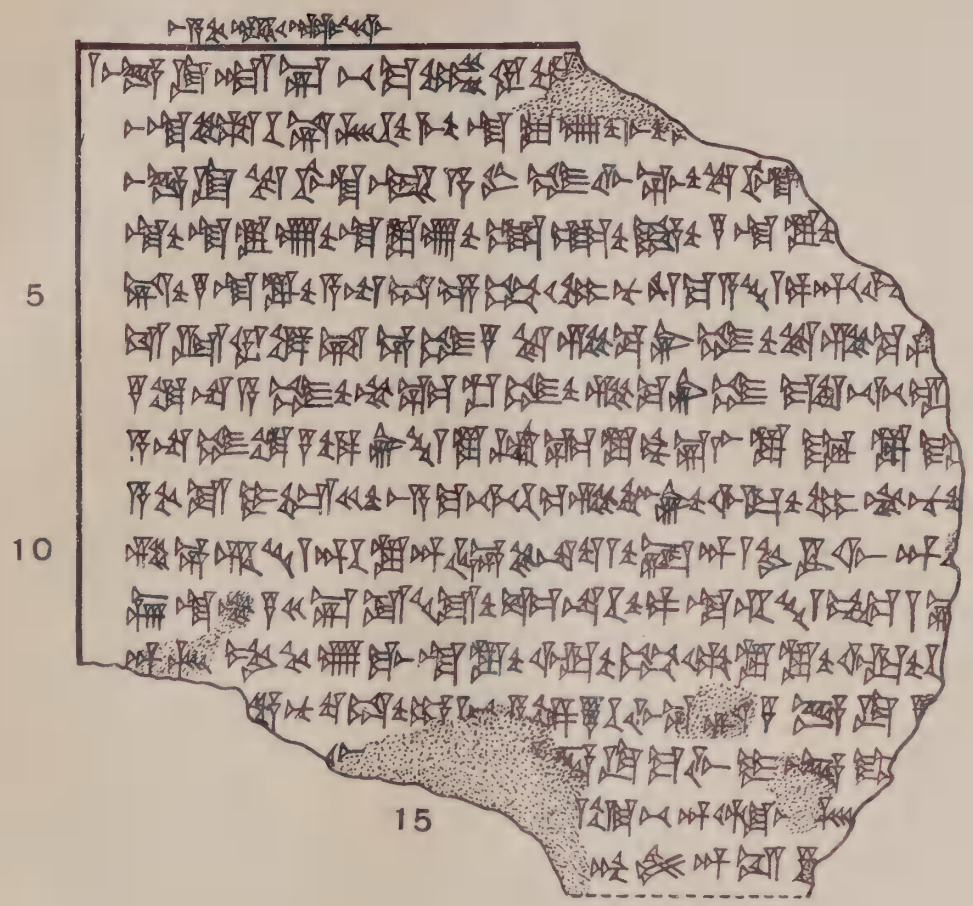

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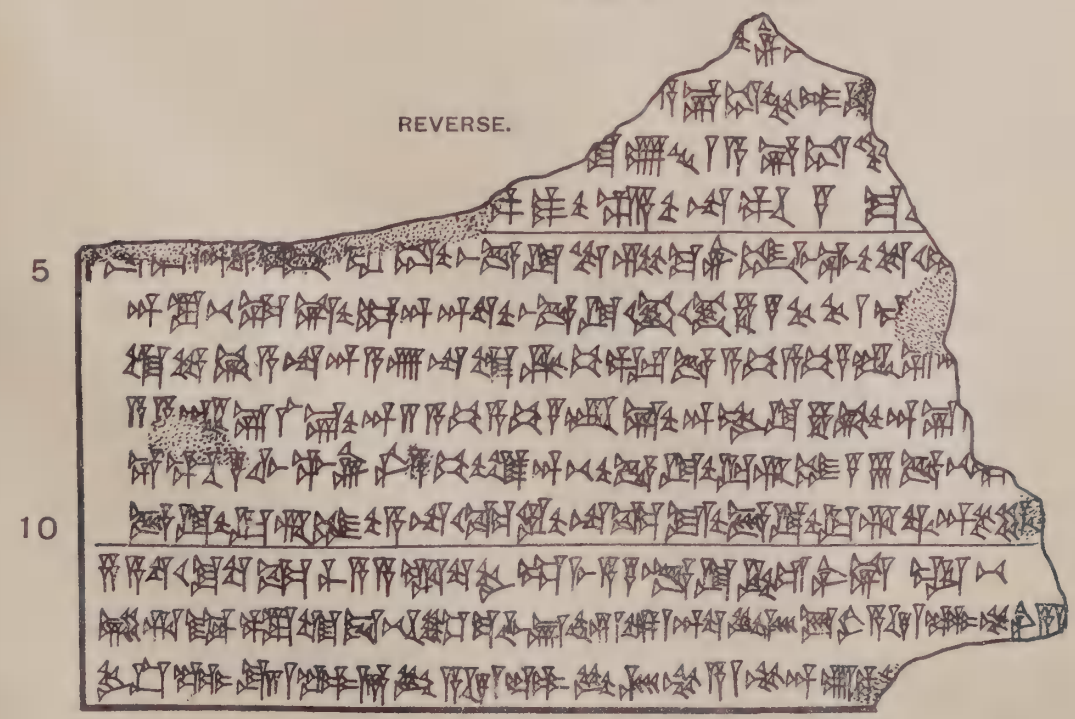

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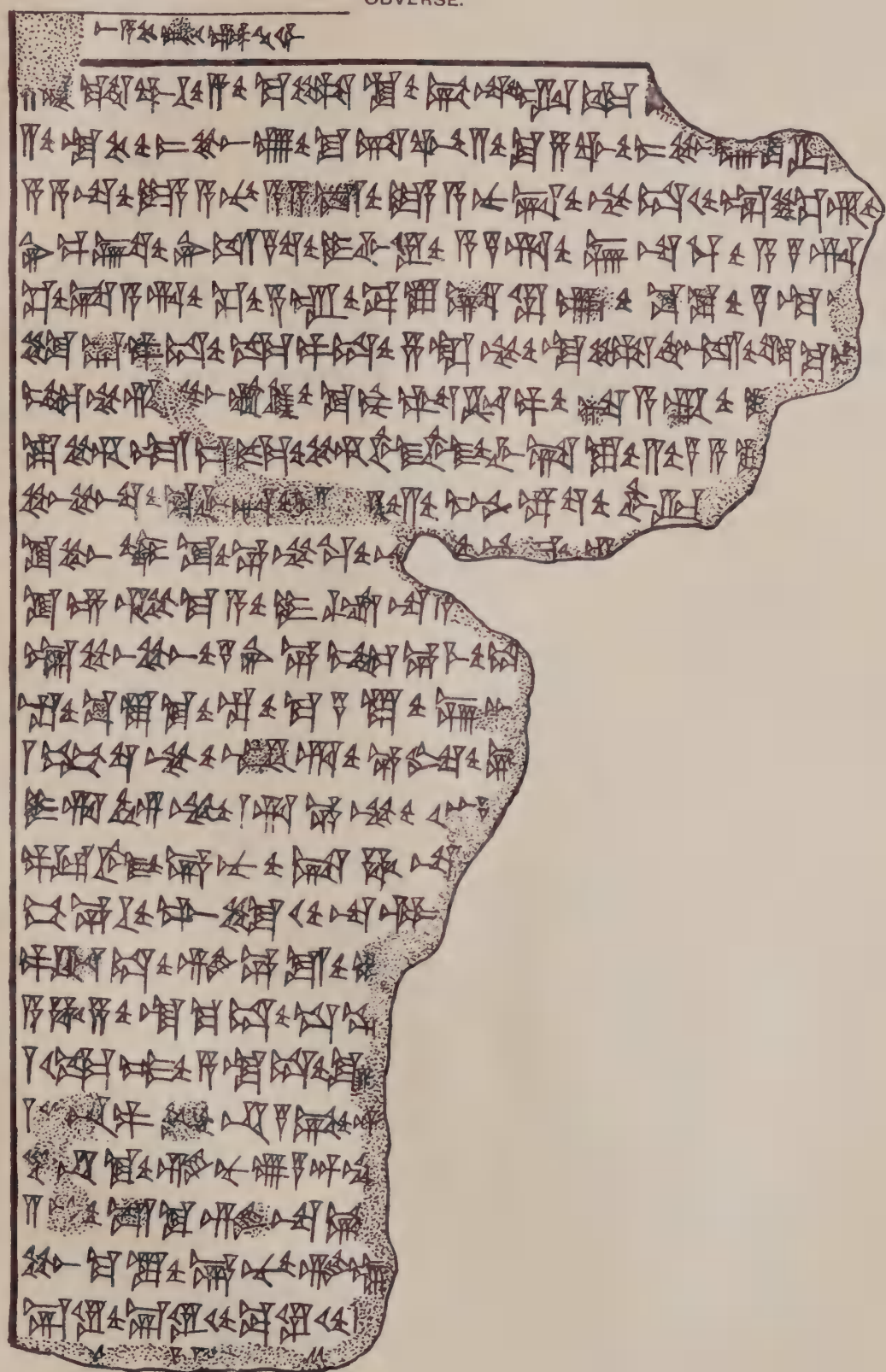

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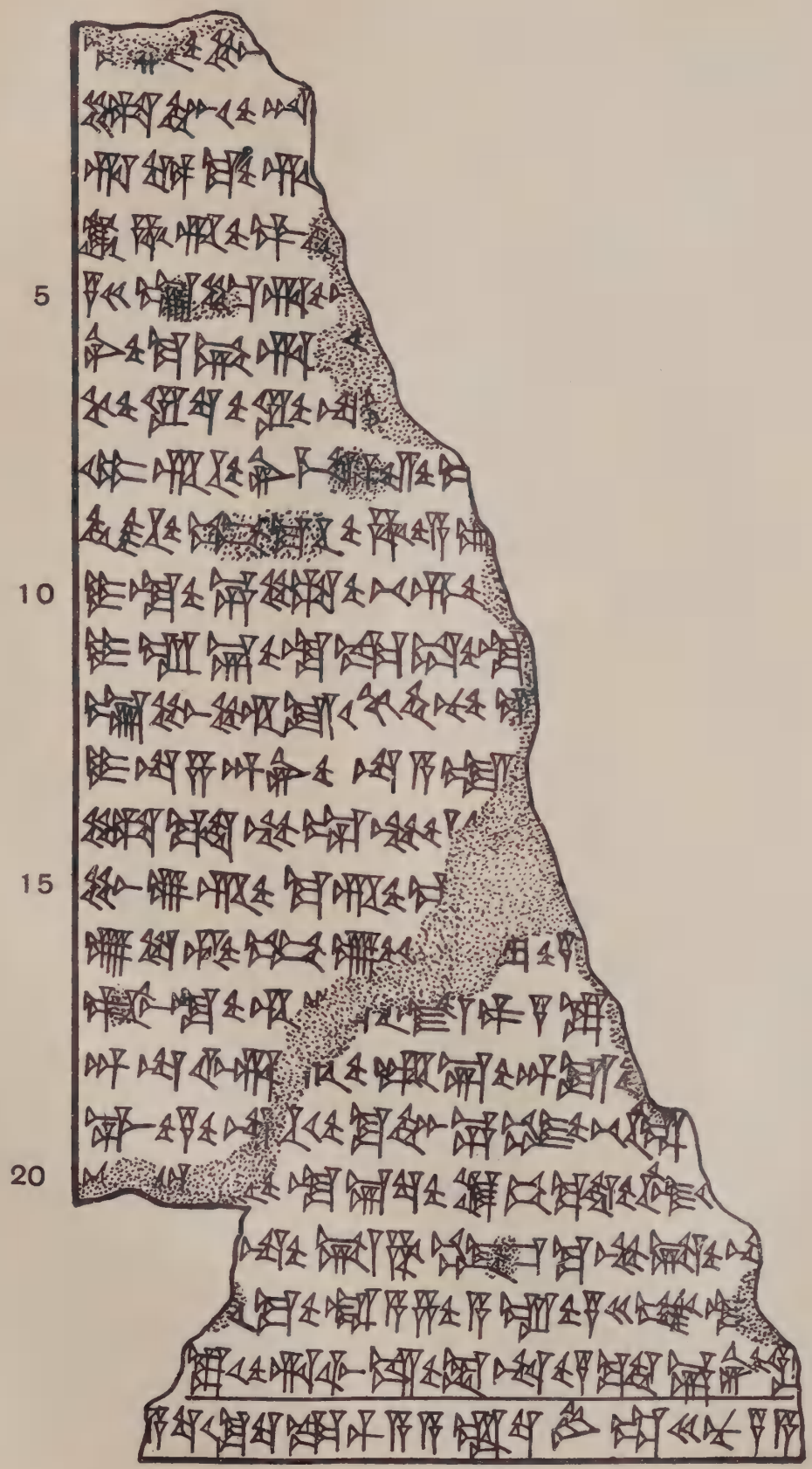

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OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

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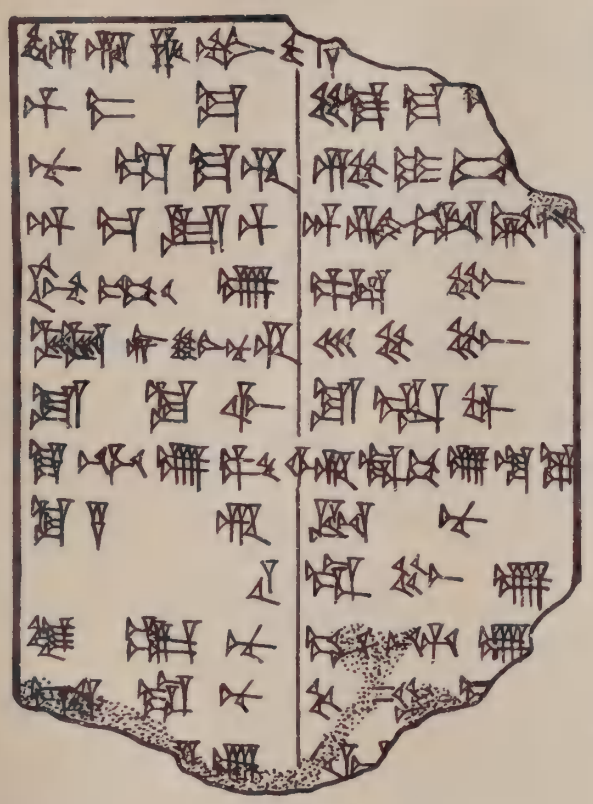

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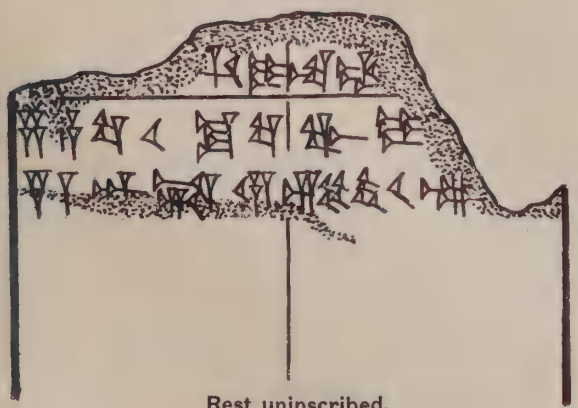

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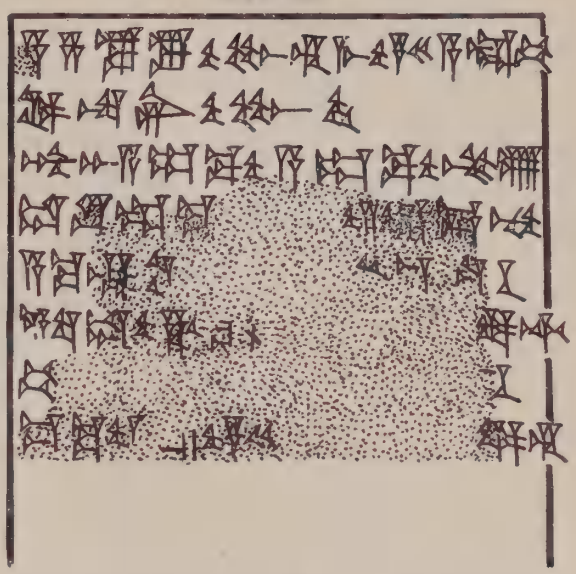

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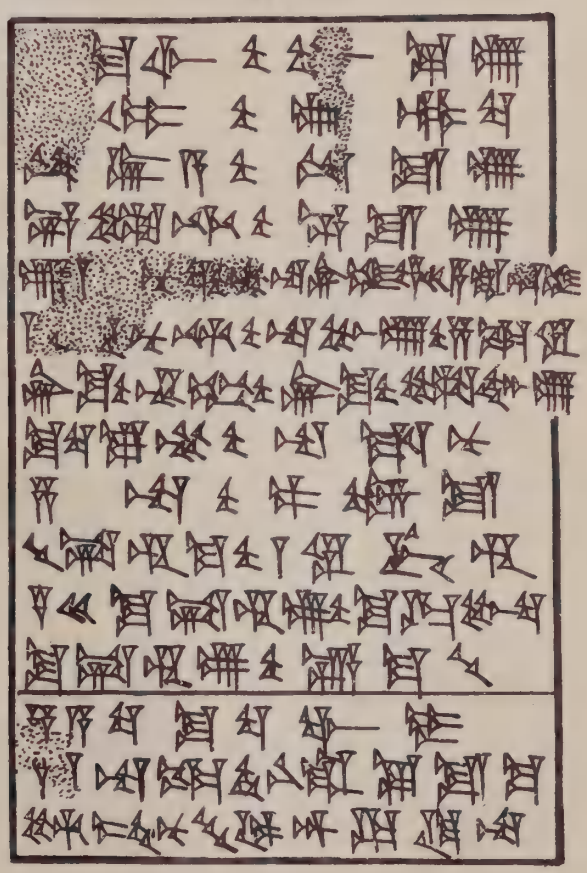

11-13.—Indistinct and uncertain.

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OBVERSE.

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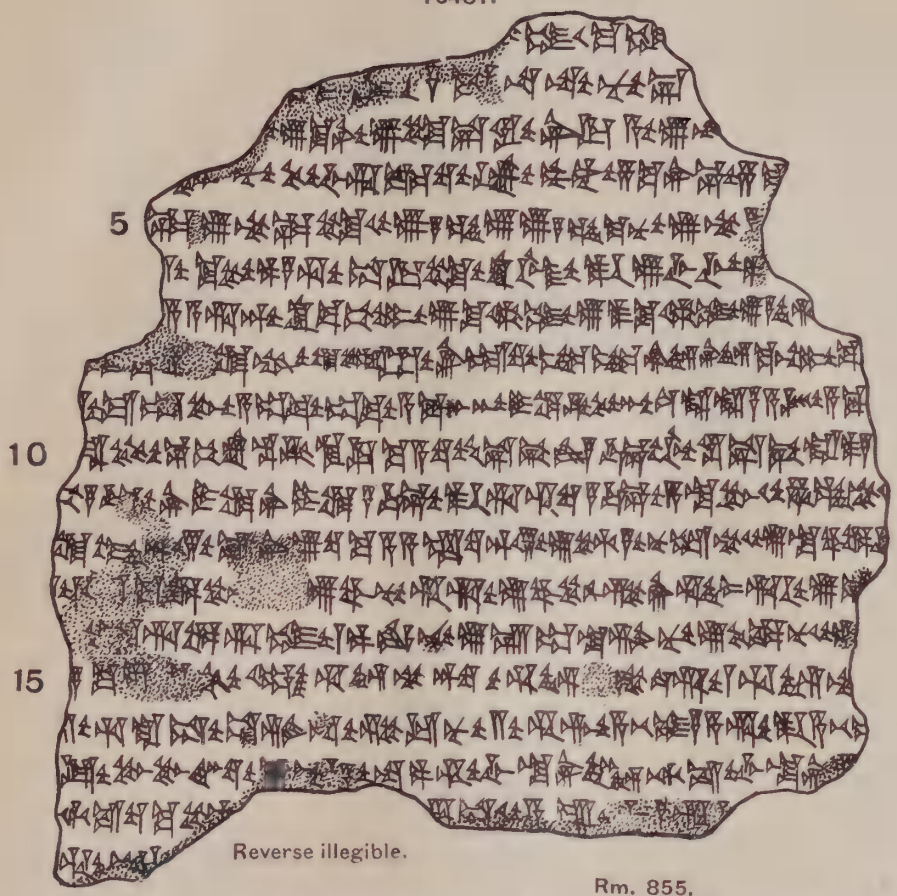

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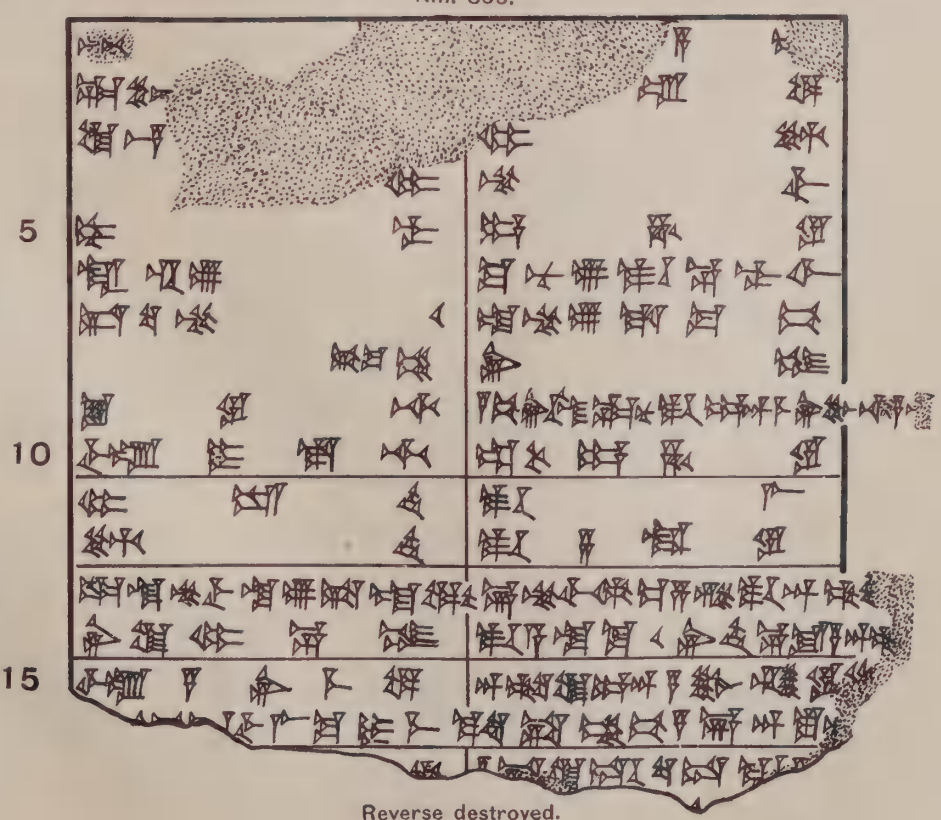

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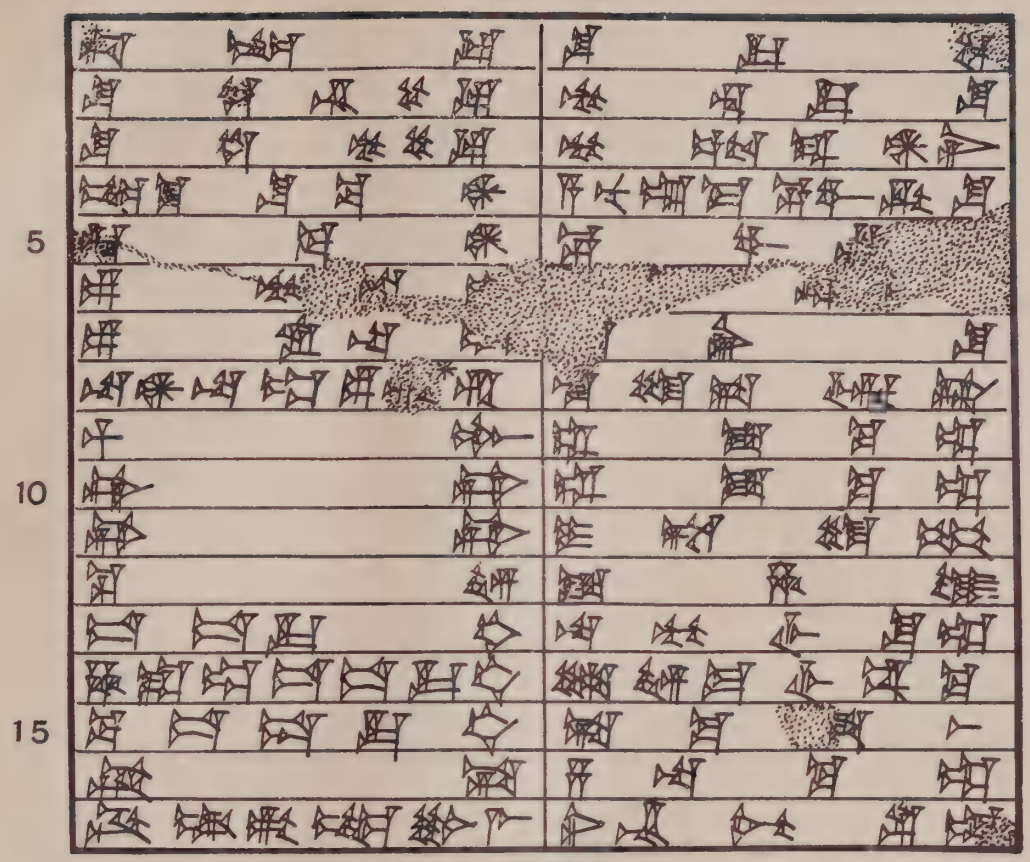

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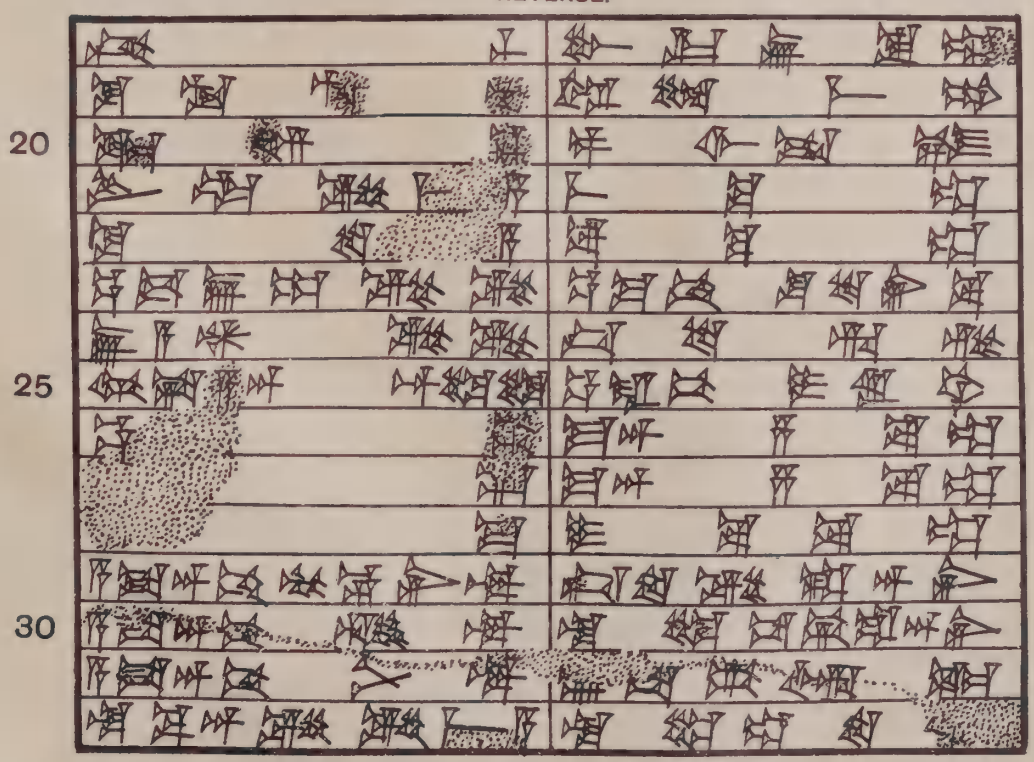

8.—* Erasure.

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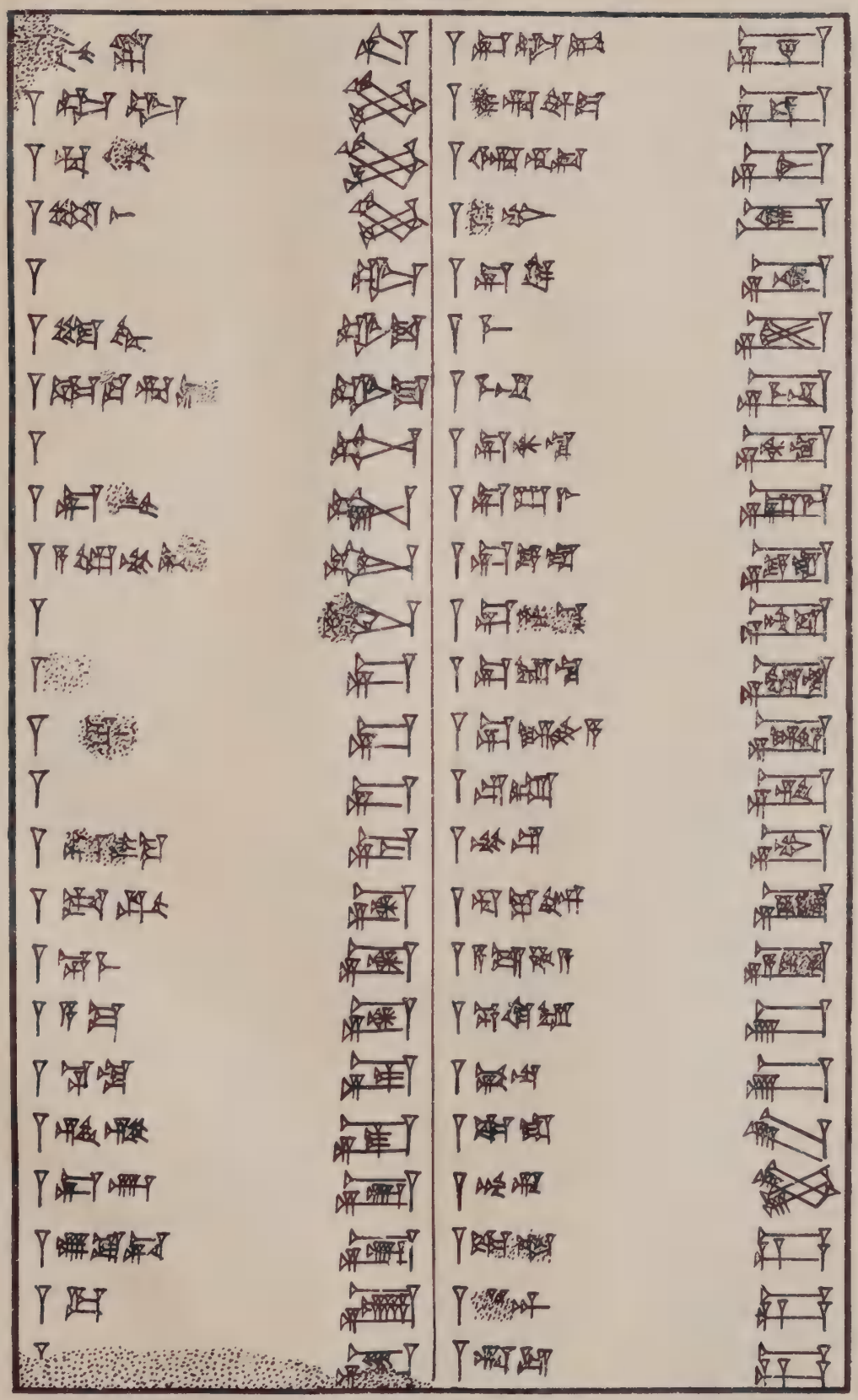

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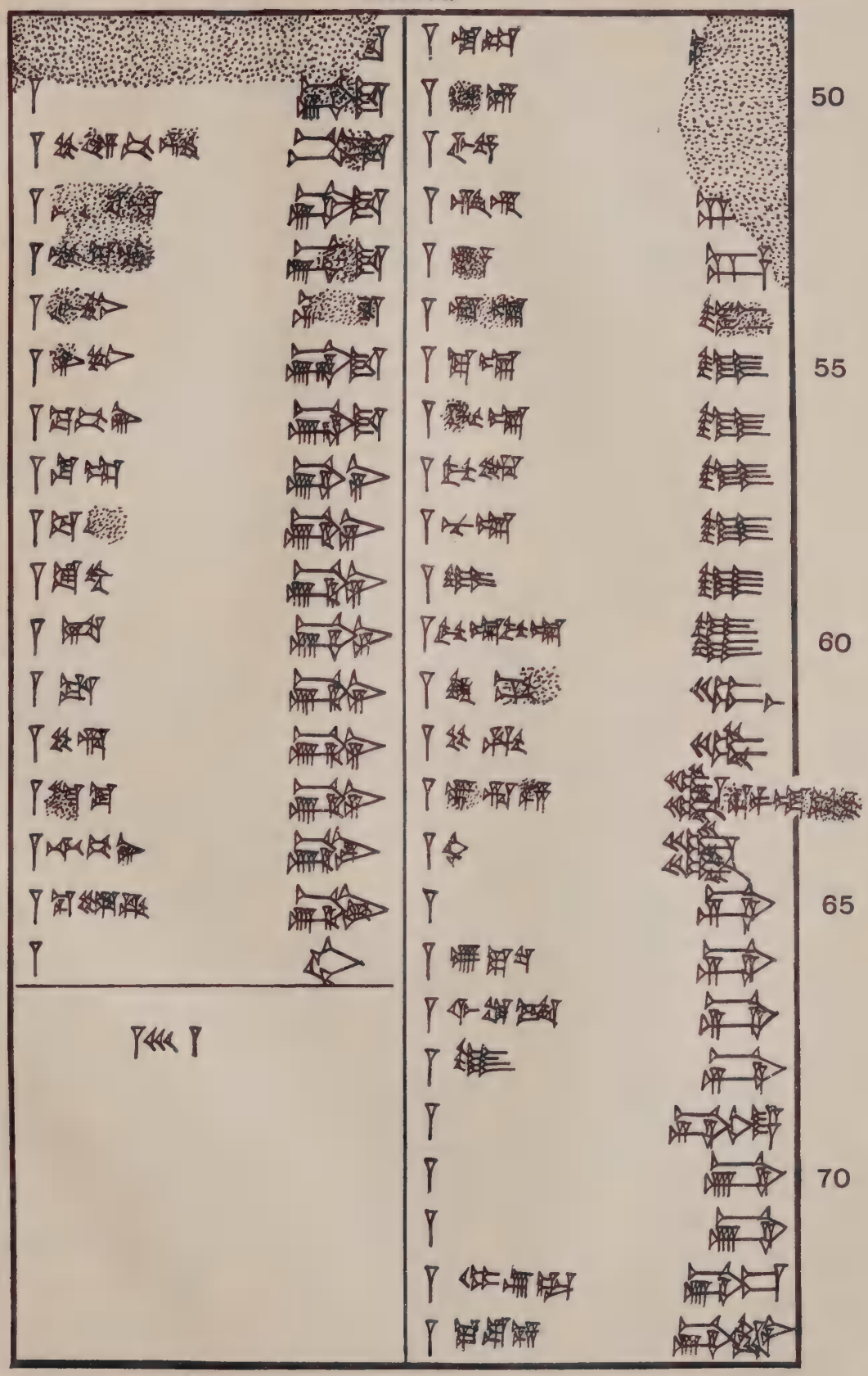

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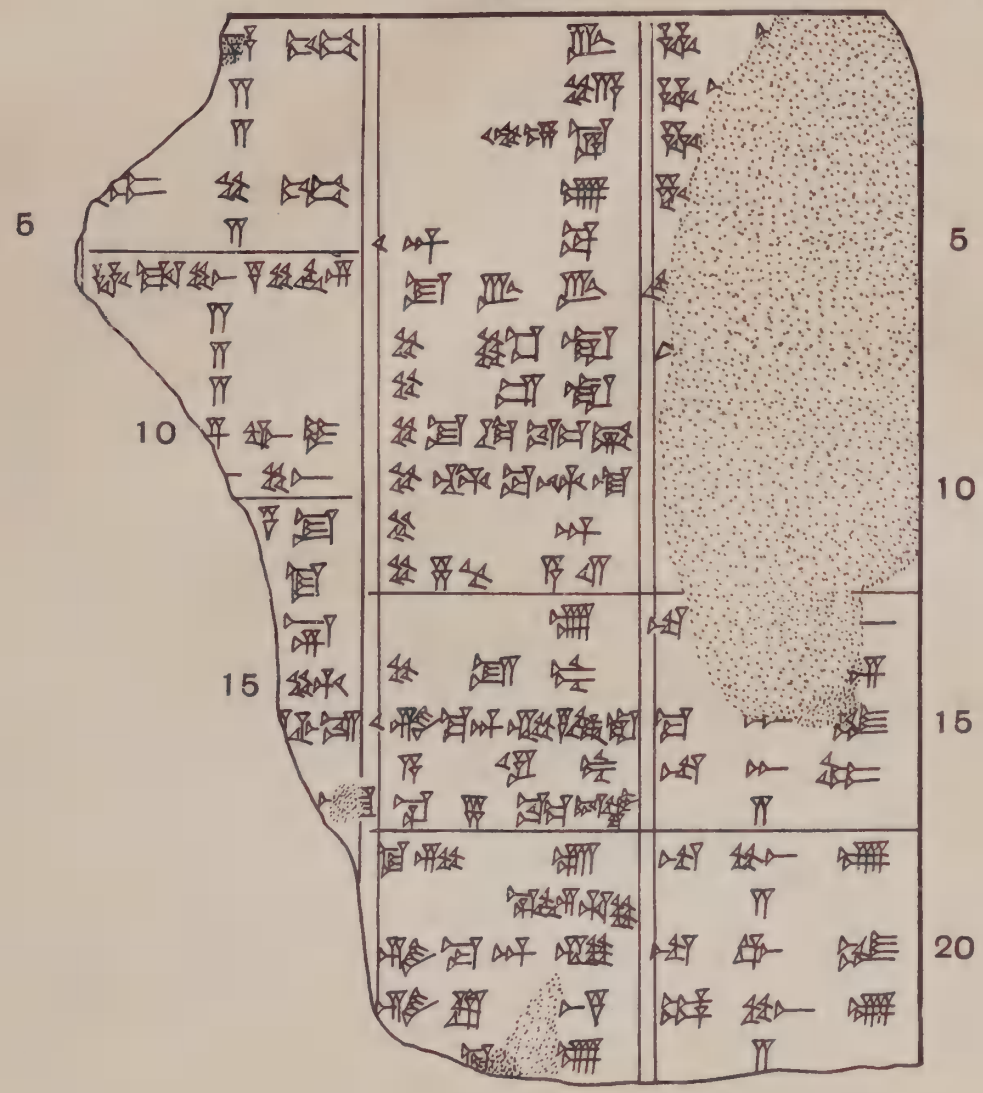

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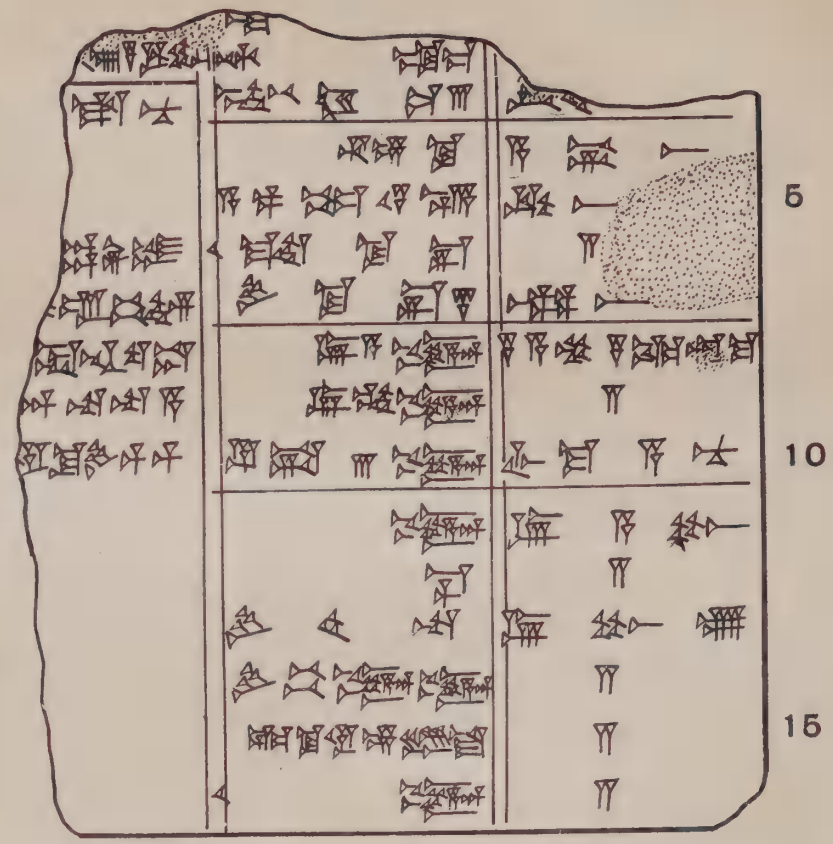

PLATE 49.

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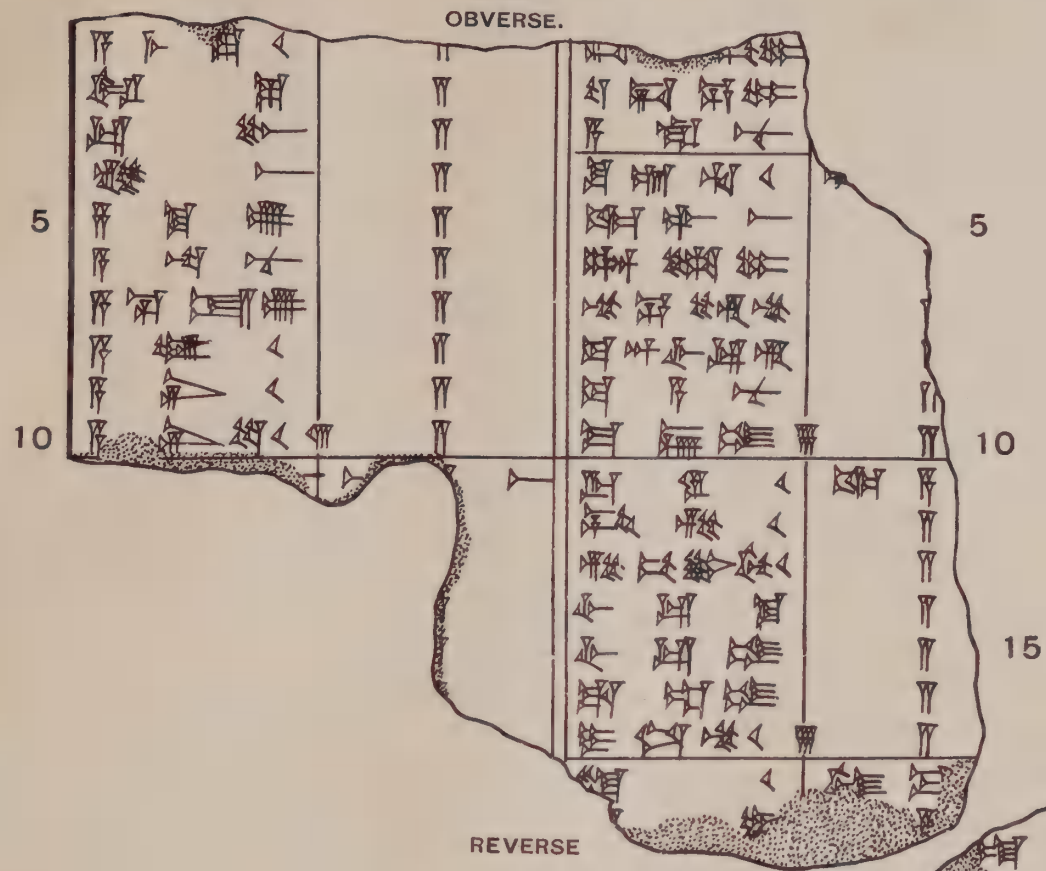

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